

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4218
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REPORT ON ARMY'S DEBACLE IN NEFA
NITISH SENGUPTA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for withholding publication of the report of enquiry by General Henderson into the Indian Army's debacle in NEFA in 1962;
- (b) whether these reasons are still valid after four decades;
- (c) whether the Government propose to publish this report now in larger public interest; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): The document contains certain operational details and other sensitive material, the disclosure of which would be prejudicial to the national security interests.