

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCUREMENT OF CONSUMABLE ITEMS FOR DEFENCE FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Army Purchase Organisation procures items for the consumption of Defence Forces;
- (b) if so, whether quality control of the contracted items is ensured by the Composite Food Laboratories;
- (c) if so, the number of inspections to supervise dispatch of goods to various supply depots carried out during 2004-2005;
- (d) the number of cases in which the supply was found below the tendered requirements;
- (e) the action taken against such suppliers; and
- (f) the steps taken to check such sub-standard supply?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, sir.

(c) to (f): Inspections are carried out to analyse quality of goods and accepted goods are dispatched under the supervision of a Board of Officers to various supply depots. If supply is found below specifications, such sub-standard supply is rejected. During the year 2004, out of a total 22,002 samples drawn for analysis, 1921 samples were rejected.