

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTITUTION OF NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND ADVISORY BOARD

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Ministry of Defence has constituted the new National Security Council and National Security Advisory Board on National Security and defence matter; and

(b) if so, the composition and functions of National Security Council and National Security Advisory Board?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) The Government has recently re-constituted the National Security Council and National Security Advisory Board.

(b) The newly constituted National Security Council (NSC) is headed by the Prime Minister as the Chairman and comprises of Minister of Defence, Minister of Home Affairs, Minister of External Affairs and Minister of Finance. The National Security Council advises the Central Government on matters relating to internal security, economic security, technological strength and foreign policy with a view to promote national security goals and objectives.

The National Security Advisory Board (NSAB) consists of a Convenor and other persons of eminence from outside the Government with expertise in the fields of foreign affairs, external security, defence, strategic analysis, economy, science and technology, internal security and related areas. Present membership of National Security Advisory Board (2004-2006) is 15 members. The Board advises the National Security Council on issues relating to national security, which may be referred to it by the Council. Its principal function is to provide long-term analyses for the National Security Council and to recommend solutions and policy options on the issues raised by the experts on the Board.