

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ORIENTATION OF ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has initiated any steps to orient the vision and training in the Armed Forces towards the current and future needs of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The training in the Armed Forces has been oriented with a view to maintain a high state of operational readiness at all times. In order to meet the current and future needs of the country, the training methodology and curriculum has been refined. The aspects of tri-services co-operation and jointmanship, enhancement of leadership and combat skills of Junior Commissioned and Non-Commissioned Officers, technological skills upgradation, exposure to state-of-the-art weapons and equipments, war gaming and simulation, real time surveillance and reaction, specialized training for sub-conventional warfare, aid to civil authorities in disaster situations and joint exercises with friendly foreign countries have been included as an integral part of training in the Armed Forces.