

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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RATIONALISATION OF SPENDING BY DEFENCE FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to rationalize spending by the Defence Forces in non-essential areas keeping with the other development requirements in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): The budgetary requirement of the Defence Forces is projected to the Ministry of Finance after thorough in-house deliberations and with the approval of the Raksha Mantri. There are no non-essential areas for which requirement is projected by the Ministry of Defence.