

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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BUDGET FOR AN ALTERNATE TELECOM NETWORK FOR ARMY

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

- (a) whether the Department of Telecommunication has refused to increase the budget for laying an alternate network for the Army beyond the sanctioned amount;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken to meet the requirement for Armed forces?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The Government is not averse to meeting the genuine and justified requirements of the Defence Services through budgetary support. The budgetary support is reviewed from time to time keeping in view the operational requirements of the Defence Services.