

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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REHABILITATION OF SURRENDERED MILITANTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has asked army to discontinue amnesty to misguided youth who are offering to come back from neighbouring countries and lay down arms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government also wants to discontinue the healing touch policy for the rehabilitation of surrendered militants;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the number of militants who have surrendered and have been arrested this year?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d): No such instructions have been given to the Army. Healing touch policy of the Government to rehabilitate surrendered militants continues.
- (e) 331 militants have surrendered and 1333 militants have been arrested by Security Forces during the current year (till July 2007).