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SHORTAGE OF BULLET PROOF JACKETS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Army is facing shortage of bullet-proof jackets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the bullet-proof jackets being procured are not in conformity with the requisite Indian Army Technical Standards; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Bullet proof jackets (BPJ) are procured on the basis of the requirements of the Army and this is an ongoing process. Further in the light of increased threat perception in counter terrorist operations, a need was felt to review the General Staff Qualitative Requirement (GSQR) of BPJs and the same has been revised accordingly.