

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
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WORKING OF DEFENCE CANTEENS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of Unit Run Canteens (URCs), retail outlets of Canteen Stores Department (CSD) throughout the country;
- (b) the annual turnover of CSD (wholesale) Outlets as well as Unit Run Canteens retail Outlets throughout the country for the last three years;
- (c) whether the Army personnel and Civilian employees work together in Unit Run Canteens being run throughout the country;
- (d) if so, whether there is any difference between army and civilian employees deployed in the URCs in terms of salary, allowances and other benefits;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor; and?
- (f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure uniformity in their salary and other allowances?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) The total number of Unit Run Canteens (URCs) registered with Canteen Stores Department (CSD) is 3907.
- (b) Annual turnover of CSD for the last three years is as under:-

2006-2007 Rs.4791.73 crores

2007-2008 Rs.5614.69 crores

2008-2009 Rs.6955.11 crores

Since the URCs are run by respective units of Service Headquarters there is no centralized system to monitor and compile the annual turnover of URCs.

- (c) Yes Madam, except for URCs in forward/operational areas where only service personnel are deployed.

(d) to (f): Army personnel are Government employees whereas civilian employees of URCs are not government employees. Therefore, the salary structure is not uniform. 15% increase in the basic pay of all URC civilian employees, in addition to 50% hike already granted to them during February, 2009, has been given effect from 1st December, 2009 by Army Headquarters.