

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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MERGER OF DEFENCE LABORATORIES WITH PSUs
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to merge defence laboratories with Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) so that design, technology, manufacturing and support become efficient and focused;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed to decentralize decision making process in Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. There is no such proposal.

(c) & (d): Decentralization of decision making process is proposed to be achieved through formation of 'technology area wise clusters' headed by a Directors General and by empowerment of these Directors General and laboratory Directors, with the assistance of financial advisors.