

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF ITEMS FOR HIGH ALTITUDE DEPLOYMENT  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of items being purchased for the troops deployed in high altitude regions;
- (b) the details of orders placed during the last three years alongwith the total value of contracts, item-wise and Firm-wise; and
- (c) the details of specifications formulated by the inspection agency for the said items and the reasons for not formulating a generalized specification, if any?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Troops deployed in high altitude areas are provided with clothing and equipment as per authorization and user requirement. For very high altitude areas, including Siachen Glacier, troops are provided with Special Clothing and Mountaineering Equipment which comprise of 55 items. Of these, 36 items are procured indigenously and balance 19 items are procured ex-import. Further, for other high altitude areas, Extreme Cold Climate Clothing & Equipment (ECC&E) is authorized which comprise of 30 items, all of which are procured indigenously. Specifications for them are formulated by Director General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) in consultation with users. Formulation and upgradation of specifications is a continuous process. Empowered Committees under the chairmanship of Master General of Ordnance (MGO) of Army Headquarters have been constituted for procurement of ECC&E and Special Clothing and Mountaineering Equipment. Based on authorization, procurement by the Empowered Committees is done on a regular basis. Adequate funds are made available for this purpose.