

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the setting up of the post of Chief of Defence Staff;
- (b) whether the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence has been pressing for setting up of such an office; and
- (c) if so, the stand of the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): The Group of Ministers (GOM) report on 'Reforming the National Security System', which was presented to Government in February, 2001 had recommended, inter-alia, the creation of the institution of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). It has been decided that Government will take a view on the issue of creation of the post of CDS after consultation with political parties, which is ongoing. The position in this regard has also been brought to the notice of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence.