

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2398
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OFFICIAL RECORDS OF WARS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the records of the 1971 Bangladesh war stored at the Eastern Command Headquarters in Kolkata and at the Army Headquarters in Delhi have gone missing as reported recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether no records exist with regard to the sinking of Pakistani Naval Submarine Ghazi either with the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam or the Naval Headquarters in Delhi;
- (d) whether the Ministry conducted an enquiry to find out why these documents are missing;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Government has a policy with regard to declassification of documents;
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (h) whether the Ministry has checked whether records pertaining to 1947, 1962, 1965, 1971 (Western Front) and 1999 wars exist; and
- (i) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
- (c) The records exist.
- (d) & (e): Does not arise in view of (a) to (c) above.
- (f) & (g): There is a policy with regard to declassification of documents.
- (h) & (i): Records pertaining to 1947, 1962, 1965 and 1971 (Western Front) and 1999 war exist.