

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TWO FRONT DOCTRINE FOR DEFENCE PLANNING
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has adopted and 'active two front' doctrine for Defence Planning over the next decade (2010-2020);
- (b) if so, whether the 'two front doctrine' involves a departure from the assessment which was the basis of Defence Perspective Planning in the past;
- (c) whether there are certain geo-political developments or inputs which have led to the adoption of a Two Front Policy doctrine;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the various other supporting agencies including the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have been asked to re-tool their plans given this shift in strategic thinking;
- (f) if so, the details thereof;
- (g) whether the Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) in the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee is the body entrusted with the responsibility of Perspective Defence Planning; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (f): The preparation of defence doctrines and plans is based on assessments regarding the present and future projected geo-political and security environment, threat perceptions, technological issues and various other factors. The formulation of defence doctrines and plans is a dynamic process which takes into account all aspects which have a bearing on the objective of ensuring the preparedness of the Armed Forces to effectively deal with any threat to the security of the country.

(g) & (h): The Ministry of Defence prepares defence plans in consultation with each of the Armed Forces and the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS).