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SHORTAGE OF BULLET PROOF JACKETS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Army is facing shortage of bullet proof jackets;
- (b) if so, the details indicating the quantity thereof;
- (c) the number of casualties occurred due to non-availability of bullet proof jackets;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to purchase bullet proof jackets through fast-track procedure; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): Procurement of Bullet Proof Jackets (BPJs) is based on the requirements of the Army worked out periodically and is an ongoing process.

There are sufficient BPJs to meet operational requirements of Army.

Further, in the light of increased threat perception in counter-terrorist operations, a need was felt to review the General Staff Qualitative Requirement of BPJs and the same has been revised recently. These procurements are processed as per laid down procedures.

No recorded casualties have occurred on account of non availability of BPJs.