

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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APPOINTMENT OF CELEBRITIES IN TERRITORIAL ARMY  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the aim, objects and strength of the Territorial Army;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to confer the position of Lieutenant Colonel and other ranks on celebrities and appoint them in Territorial Army;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the celebrities on whom the high ranks of Territorial Army are proposed to be conferred?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) The Territorial Army is a voluntary and part-time army of civilians, who are not professional soldiers, to relieve the regular Army of static duties and to assist in aid to civil administration in situations of natural calamities, maintenance of essential services and to provide units for the regular Army as and when required.
- (b) to (d): Honorary rank in Territorial Army is granted to a person who has rendered service of a high order to the Indian Union or rendered signal service to any of the Armed Forces or has taken a special interest in fostering the development of any of the Armed Forces.