

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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RATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of ration management system in the Armed Forces;
- (b) the procedure for procurement of ration or other essential items for the armed forces and shortcoming thereof; and
- (c) the manner in which the said provisions have been violated as reported recently?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Ration items are procured as per the laid down specifications and are subjected to periodic quality control checks by ISO: 9001: 2008 certified Composite Food Laboratories (CFL) of Army as per existing Government guidelines. The laid down procedures prescribed for procurement of rations are followed. In case of any instance of sub-standard food items being supplied coming to notice administrative and disciplinary actions are taken as per rules. Improvement in quality of rations for troops is a prime concern of the Government and is an on-going process.