

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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ITEMS FOR HIGH ALTITUDE DEPLOYMENT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of items being purchased for the troops deployed in high altitude regions of 16000 feet and above;
- (b) the details of orders placed during the last three years alongwith the total value of contracts, item-wise and firm-wise; and
- (c) the details of specifications formulated by the inspection agency for the said items and the reasons for not formulating a generalized specification, if any?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Troops deployed in very high altitude areas are provided with Special Clothing and Mountaineering Equipment which comprise of 55 items. Of these, 36 items are procured indigenously and balance 19 items are procured ex-import. Specifications for them are formulated by Director General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) in consultation with users. Formulation and upgradation of specifications is a continuous process. An Empowered Committee under the chairmanship of Master General of Ordnance (MGO) of Army Headquarters has been constituted for procurement of Special Clothing and Mountaineering Equipment. Based on authorization, procurement by the Empowered Committee is done on a regular basis and adequate funds are made available for this purpose.