

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CSD CANTEENS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Canteen Stores Department (CSD) canteens in the country;
- (b) the procedure followed by the Government to purchase various consumer items for the canteens;
- (c) whether the Government has taken cognizance of complaints against the officials responsible for purchase of substandard consumer items for the canteens; and
- (d) if so, the details of action taken against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): There are 3907 Unit Run Canteens all over the country under the control of Three Services. These Unit Run Canteens draw their items for sale through a network of 34 Canteen Stores Department Depots and one Base Depot at Mumbai. Canteen Stores Department has a three-tier system of procurement. Items are procured directly from the manufacturer so as to ensure genuineness of goods as well as the best prices. The three-tier system has Preliminary Screening Committee to induct an item into the inventory, Price Negotiation Committee to obtain best prices and finally Board of Administration for approval.

(c) & (d) : Mechanisms are in place to test and verify the quality of products being sold through Canteen Stores Department. In the event of a product not meeting the laid down standards, penalty as per departmental policy is imposed on the supplier firms.