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FOOD PRODUCTS FOR JAWANS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) proposes to undertake research work for production of protein-rich food items for the jawans posted in remote locations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and names of the various food products developed by the DRDO during the last three years;
- (c) the details of food production units set up by DRDO in different parts of the country alongwith their installed capacity; and
- (d) the details of funds allocated to DRDO for undertaking such research activities during the last year and the current financial year?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has already developed the following protein foods during the last three years for the jawans posted in remote locations:-

Chicken fortified biscuits; Spiced millet mix; Millet chapathi mix; Millet nippatu mix; Vegetabilised soya paneer (Tafu); Retort pouch processed ready-to-eat peas paneer masala; Retort pouch processed ready-to-eat paneer-butter masala; Frozen chicken and mutton based products; Composite cereal bar; Retort pouch processed ready-to-eat egg burji; Retort pouch processed ready-to-eat curry; Flax based products (six types); Walnut sweet mix; and Whey beverage mix.

(c) DRDO does not have any food production unit.

(d) The funds allocated to Defence Food Research Laboratory (DFRL), an establishment of DRDO, for undertaking R&D activities for the year 2009-10 was ` 7.89 Cr and for the year 2010-11 is ` 8.15 Cr.