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COMMUNICATION FACILITIES TO CADETS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun has allowed its cadets to keep mobile phones and also to get internet access in their rooms;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for denial of these facilities to them in the past?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The cadets of Indian Military Academy (IMA), Dehradun have been permitted to keep mobile phones in their rooms with effect from July, 2010. They have not been provided with Internet access in their rooms. However, Internet Service has been provided under centralized arrangements at Cyber Cafes in each Company, IT Lab and Library.

(c) In the past, Mobile phones signals were not available in IMA Campus from any mobile service provider. However, adequate number of Fixed Lines/WLL connections excluding BSNL were provided in each training company to enable Cadets to make/receive calls.