

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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BULLET PROOF JACKETS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the availability of bullet proof jackets for the Army against the sanctioned number;
- (b) the reasons for the shortage, if any;
- (c) whether the Army proposes to acquire such jackets to meet its requirements;
- (d) if so, whether the tendering process has been completed by the Army in this regard;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and time by which these jackets are likely to be made available to the soldiers; and
- (f) the total cost involved therein?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (f): Procurement of Bullet Proof Jackets (BPJ) is based on requirements assessed by the Army periodically and is an on-going process. There are sufficient Bullet Proof Jackets (BPJs) to meet the operational requirements of the Army. The process for procurement of modular Bullet Proof Jackets which are lighter in weight and provide better protection has been initiated in accordance with the provisions of the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP).