

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCUREMENT OF BATTERIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made excess procurement of batteries and battery chargers for the radio sets used by the Army as reported recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total amount of loss on such procurements; and
- (d) the action taken against the concerned officials responsible for such loss?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Batteries and battery chargers for radio sets were initially procured in March, 2007 as per the estimated requirements. Based on the experience of usage of new sets, the scaling was reworked wherein certain quantity got reduced thus effecting savings to the Government. The quantities rendered surplus due to reduction in scaling were utilized in the subsequent procurement of radio sets in February, 2009. Hence, there has been no excess procurement of batteries/battery chargers for the radio sets.