

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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DEFECTS IN MASK HELMETS
Sampath Shri Anirudhan

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of serious defects found in Integrated Oxygen and Communication Mask Helmets procured from the foreign vendors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the total amount of loss caused to the exchequer; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to check such incidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Madam, some defects were reported in Integrated Oxygen and Communication Mask Helmets (IOCMH) after delivery, which were rectified by the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) without any charges. Any equipment contracted undergoes Pre-Delivery Inspection and Joint Receipt Inspection before its acceptance by the users. Thereafter, there exists inbuilt system for replacement of defective parts within Warranty period. Some defects have since been reported after expiry of warranty period, for which remedial action is underway.