

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SOP FOR ARMY  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Army follows Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) while fighting the militants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the measures taken to save the innocent people while following the SOP?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): While fighting militancy, actions are calibrated to respond appropriately to the actions of the militants / terrorists. Guidelines have been formulated for operations against militants so as to ensure that operations are carried out in a manner that innocent people are not inconvenienced.