

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF BULLET PROOF JACKETS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is an acute shortage of bullet proof jackets in the army;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to meet this shortage?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Bullet Proof Jackets (BPJ) are procured on the basis of the requirements of the Army and this is an ongoing process. The present holding of BPJs is sufficient to meet the operational requirements of the Army. The process for procurement of modular BPJs which are lighter in weight is ongoing in accordance with the Defence Procurement Procedure.