

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING TO ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the armed forces personnel are trained in checking explosion of ammunition and safeguarding from destruction during training; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the concrete efforts being made to train the personnel to deal with such disasters?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Army personnel handling explosives and ammunition are imparted technical training on ammunition and are qualified in:

(i) Ammunition management including warehousing, repairs, breakdown, proof test, demolition and inspection of serviceability of ammunition/explosives.

(ii) Effective investigations of manufacture defects/failures and accidents of all service ammunition/explosive.

(iii) Identification, detection and neutralization of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

(iv) Management of Ammunition Depots.

(v) Training is imparted in fire fighting and evacuation drills on the occurrence of any disaster related to ammunition and also in neutralization and disposal activities by trained personnel.