

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF ITEMS FOR TROOPS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of items being purchased for the troops deployed in high altitude regions of 16000 feet and above;
- (b) the details of orders placed during the last three years alongwith the total value of contracts, item-wise and firm-wise; and
- (c) the details of specifications formulated by the inspection agency for the said items and the reasons for not formulating a generalized specification, if any?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Madam, 55 items of special clothing and mountaineering equipment are authorized to the troops deployed at super high altitude. Depending on requirements of the troops, procurement of these items is made from various indigenous as well as foreign sources.
- (b) Orders for procurement of various items including Jackets, Trousers, Gloves, Boots, Glasses, Woolen socks, Sleeping Bags and Ice Axe & Shovel, have been placed during the last three years. Divulging further details in this regard would not be in the national interest.
- (c) Procurement of most of the items required for super high altitude areas is based on general specifications prepared by the Directorate of Quality Assurance. Only in few cases, where the technology of the firm manufacturing the item is unique or a specific item has passed the user trials, procurement is made on the basis of vendor's specification.