

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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LIVERY ITEMS TO SOLDIERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether food and other livery items i.e. uniforms, shoes etc. being provided to the soldiers are free of cost;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Personal Kit Stores have also been opened in the units to sell such items and soldiers have to purchase on payment basis; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Food items and forty one clothing and Personal Kit items are being issued free of cost on Life Cycle Concept basis to Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) and Other Ranks (ORs) of Indian Army.

(c) & (d): 11 Personal Kit Stores (PKS) have been opened at selected locations and not in units, as per details at Appendix-A, primarily for officers of the Army, who are not authorized free issue of clothing items.