

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SUPPLY OF FOOD ITEMS FOR FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the supply of food and other agro-based items for defence forces deployed in Leh has been procured from Delhi and other cities instead of local farmers/producers;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the officials responsible for taking such decision and the action taken against them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) The Army is procuring Vegetables fresh, Fruits fresh, Potatoes, Onion, Garlic, Bread (FM) and Lucerne Hay from the Co-operative Marketing Societies (CMS) of Leh through negotiated contracts, for which sanction has been accorded by the Ministry.

Approximately 55 to 60% of the total demand of the region is drawn from these cooperative societies.

Unmet demand of perishable items from CMS is procured by concluding contracts during road open period (in which local contractors can participate) or airlifted from Chandigarh during road close period.

Milk from local co-operatives is procured by Military Farms.

Dry items are procured centrally.

(b) The above procurement of rations for the defence forces deployed in Leh is undertaken on the basis of well laid down procedures prescribed by Ministry of Defence for both dry rations, which are procured centrally, and for fresh/perishable rations, the procurement of which has been delegated to the Commands and lower formations of the Army.

(c) Does not arise in view of above.