

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4125

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REVIEW OF WORKING OF MES

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Jafa Committee, constituted by the Government to review the working of the Military Engineer Services (MES), has recommended for interchangeable posting at senior posts including Deputy Director Generals, Directors, etc. between Service officers and Civilian officers to bring about improvement in the working of the organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the present status of implementation of the said recommendation?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b)&(c): Recommendation No.20 which is one of the 58 recommendations made by the Jafa Committee in respect of MES states that except the posts of E-in-C, Deputy E-in-C, DGW, DG(Pers) and ADG(Systems & Training), all senior posts may be interchangeable between Service Officers and Civilian Officers. These recommendations broadly relate to review of MES establishment & manpower, capital projects and maintenance, quality control and cadre reviews, manning policy, training and development, discipline, motivation and morale etc. of MES. Most of these recommendations involve policy issues of recruitment, cadre structuring etc. involving consultation and concurrence from other agencies like DoPT, UPSC etc. and are under examination in consultation with Service Hqrs.