

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:718  
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SHORTAGE OF CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is shortage of special clothing and equipment for the soldiers deployed in high altitude areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure the adequate and timely supply of these items to the soldiers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Procurement of these items as per the authorization is an ongoing process. In order to fast track procurement of these items, an Empowered Committee under the chairmanship of Master General Ordnance (MGO) with full powers of Competent Financial Authority was set up in August 2007. Moreover, sufficient quantities of special clothing and mountaineering equipment are kept as reserve in Army Head Quarters to avoid any shortage of these items.