

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AEW & C FOR NATURAL DISASTER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Airborne Early Warning and Control System AEW & C developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation is capable to control loss of life and property during natural disasters;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether tests of the said system have successfully been carried out;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action plan of the Government to issue timely warnings about such disasters to the general public?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): The Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) System developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is normally meant to detect airborne and seaborne targets and provide early warning. This early warning could be of use to the agencies dealing with disaster management provided it is suitably modified.
- (c) No, Madam, not for the purposes of disaster mitigation.
- (d) & (e): Does not arise.