

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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IRREGULARITIES IN RATION SUPPLY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Siachen equipment and ration racket has recently come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, whether irregularities in procurement of supply for troops at Siachen glacier have been turned down by the Army;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the action taken by the Government to investigate all procurements which were made during the last five years;
- (e) whether there is an urgent need to change the procurement policy and to make it fully transparent; and
- (f) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (f): No such equipment and ration racket has come to the notice in recent past. The equipment and rations are procured and supplied to troops at Siachen glacier as per the laid down specifications and procedures. Administrative/disciplinary action is taken as per rules whenever any irregularities come to notice. Improvements in rations and equipment is an ongoing process.