

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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US SPECIAL FORCES IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States (US) Pacific Command Chief Admiral has stated during a US congressional hearing that the US special forces are situated in India as reported recently; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The Government of India has denied the assertion made by the US Pacific Command Chief Admiral, during a US Congressional hearing, regarding the presence of the United States Special Forces in India.

The United States Government has neither sought nor has the Government of India approved stationing of U.S. Special Forces personnel in any capacity in India.

India and the United States do occasionally conduct short duration Special Forces exercises in India and the United States in the context of their counter-terrorism cooperation and capacity building.