

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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LOSS OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION DURING TRAINING
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to chalk out plans to reduce the loss of arms and ammunition during training of the armed forces personnel; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Operational requirements demand that troops are trained intensively to meet any situation that may come up during actual internal/external operations. Hence the usage of arms/ammunition to train troops for such tasks is a mandatory requirement in the national interest. All necessary precautions are taken by the Commanders in the chain to optimize the proper and judicious usage of valuable assets of the organization.

During the various phases of training of the armed forces personnel, there is normal usage and wear and tear of arms and ammunition. That cannot be termed as loss of arms and ammunition.