GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has implemented all the recommendations made by the Group of Ministers (GoM) on National Security Constituted on the basis of the Kargil Review Committee Report;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the specific measures being taken to achieve jointness and better coordination between the three Services; and
- (d) the current status of the establishment of Chief of Defence Staff as recommended by the GoM?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The Report of the Group of Ministers on National Security had six chapters. The Ministry of Defence had been nominated as the nodal Ministry for the Chapter VI, on 'Management of Defence'. The Chapter contains 75 recommendations, of which 63 recommendations have been implemented. Action on four recommendations is in progress. Eight recommendations of Chapter VI relate to the establishment of Chief of Defence Staff. A decision on this matter will be taken after completion of the ongoing consultations with political parties.

The HQ Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) has been created to enhance jointness and build synergy amongst the Armed Forces, including in the areas of Long Term Plans, force capabilities, joint training, intelligence, capital acquisition, joint doctrines, etc. The Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC) has been created to exercise command and control over tri-Service and Coast Guard assets deployed in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Joint exercises/operations are carried out from time to time.