

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROTECTIVE GEAR FOR SOLDIERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided the soldiers of Indian Army with basic protective gear like modular bullet proof jackets, ballistic helmets and other items to protect sensitive organs of their bodies during operations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number and details of modular bullet proof jackets, ballistic helmets and other such items proposed to be purchased for the army; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to purchase these items without delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Bullet proof jackets, ballistic helmets and other items to protect sensitive organs of their body are provided to soldiers on the basis of requirements projected by the Army. The requirements are based on the authorization. The procurement of these items is done in accordance with the laid down procedures and is an ongoing process.