

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL CLOTHING FOR PERSONNEL  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether most of the special clothing for Army Personnel posted at Siachen/Kargil are being imported from abroad which takes about 32 months from the time of raising demand to the delivery, causing enormous hardship to Army personnel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action being taken by the Government for streamlining the procedure in order to reduce undue delays?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Special Clothing and mountaineering equipments are authorized to Army Personnel deployed in super high altitudes like Siachen/Kargil. Of the 55 items, 36 items are being procured indigenously and only 19 are being imported. In order to streamline the procedure, an Empowered Committee is in existence under the Chairman of Master General of Ordnance (MGO) of Army Headquarters with full powers of Competent Financial Authority. Sufficient quantities of these items are kept as reserve to avoid any shortage. Improvement in quality and development of indigenous resources for these items is a continuous process.