

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2650
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TRAINING OF SRI LANKAN ARMY PERSONNEL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Sri Lankan army personnel are being trained by the Indian army on Indian soil;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether protests are being raised in the country regarding this issue;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government is considering to discontinue the trainings in view of these protests; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Training exchanges are conducted between Armed Forces personnel of India and various neighbouring countries including Sri Lanka. Short-term and long-term training programmes, in technical and non-technical streams are conducted for Armed Forces personnel of foreign countries including Sri Lanka in different States of the country, where defence educational and training establishments are located, depending on the training requirements.

(c) to (f): Government is pursuing an approach keeping in view all aspects of national interest.