

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN FORCES DEPLOYED UNDER UNITED NATIONS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of armed forces personnel deployed in different countries on the request of United Nations (UN) along with the period of their deployment;
- (b) the procedure followed by the Government in this regard along with the international rules/treaties adhered to;
- (c) whether all the expenses incurred on the deployment of such forces, are borne by the UN; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR)

- (a) As on 31 January 2013, the total number of Indian armed forces personnel deployed in UN peacekeeping missions was 7840, comprising 7063 troops and military experts and 777 police personnel, including formed police units and experts. The tenure of the troops and police personnel varies between 6 months and 1 year, based on the rotation policy of the specific UN peacekeeping mission.
- (b) The deployment of Indian armed forces personnel in UN peacekeeping missions is based on requests received from the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (UNDPKO). Once the Government has agreed to deploy its personnel to a UN Peacekeeping Mission, the process of selection of troops and police personnel and their deployment in the UN peacekeeping missions is undertaken by the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Home Affairs respectively, in coordination with the UN Secretariat. Their terms and conditions of deployment are governed by the Memorandum of Understanding signed for each Mission between the Government and the UN DPKO.
- (c) & (d) The cost of deployment of personnel, including basic allowances for the troops and police personnel, as well as the cost of contingent owned equipment is reimbursed to the Government by the UN at rates fixed by it and in accordance with relevant agreements signed by Member States with the UN.