

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the army officers along the tense Line of Control find it challenging to maintain congenial atmosphere among soldiers and their superiors;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Commanding Officers posted along the Line of Control are in line of fire always; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to have a smooth working atmosphere for the defence personnel posted along the Line of Control?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The Commanding Officers perform a challenging role in stressful combat situations along with their troops. Commanding a unit along the Line on Control places several demands on them in view of the security situation. A number of measures / facilities / provisions have been ensured for troops, including proper clothing, diet, habitat, regular interaction by Commanders, grant of leave etc. including counseling to ensure that soldiers are physically fit, mentally alert and psychologically motivated.