

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES TO SOLDIERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the personnel of armed forces deployed on borders in tough conditions are underpaid and not being provided with adequate facilities;
- (b) if so, the details of facilities and pay being given to them at present;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide adequate facilities and increase the salary of such defence personnel; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Pay and allowances and other benefits / facilities are provided to the Armed Forces personnel as per Government orders issued from time to time. Apart from pay, the Armed Forces personnel deployed on borders in tough conditions, are being given certain compensatory allowances i.e. Field Area Allowance, Siachen Allowance, High Altitude Allowance, Island Special Duty Allowance, etc. and special clothing and ration as per extant rules. Improvement of facilities, service conditions, pay and allowances of the Armed Forces personnel is also a continuous process.