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EXODUS OF SCIENTISTS FROM DRDO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of scientists have quit the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO);
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of scientists who resigned during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the main reasons for the same; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to check the exodus of scientists?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): No,Madam.Attrition of scientists has reduced in the last two years. Number of scientists, mainly at junior level, who have resigned from Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) during 2006-2009 is as under:-

Year Total No. of Resignations

2006 322

2007 273

2008 150

2009 61

(Till date)

(c) Scientists, who had resigned, have indicated personal/domestic ground as the reasons for leaving DRDO. However, it is assumed that increased opportunities that was available in private sector industries is the main reason of such exodus.

(d) Sixth Central Pay Commission has recommended a number of incentives for scientists, which have been accepted and implemented by the Government.DRDO has also made efforts to enhance their career by providing study leave for acquiring higher qualifications viz., Ph D, M Tech, etc, sponsoring scientists for attending conferences / seminars / symposia / short and long term training courses in frontier areas of research within the country and abroad, mentoring of young scientists, creating better working environment and social life in living campuses, etc.