

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF MILITARY FORCES FOR OTHER PURPOSES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the increased use of the military forces for other purposes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the views and suggestions of each State in this regard; and
- (d) the final view taken by the Government?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The deployment of Armed Forces in aid to civil authorities is undertaken for the purposes of maintenance of law and order, maintenance of essential services and assistance during natural and other calamities. The deployment of the Armed Forces for such purposes is guided by the overall policy that such deployment must be a measure of last resort, so as not to detract from the operational preparedness and readiness of the Armed Forces for their primary role.