

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has examined the proposal for creation of institution of Chief of Defence Staff;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any Task Force constituted by the Government is looking into this issue and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which final decision is likely to be taken on the issue?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e) The report of the Group of Ministers on 'Reforming the National Security System' had, inter alia, recommended the creation of the institution of Chief of Defence Staff. No Task Force is looking into this issue at present. Government will take a decision on this matter after completing the ongoing consultations with various political parties.