

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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TECHNICAL SUPPORT DIVISION OF ARMY

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of functions of the Technical Support Division (TSD) of the Indian Army;
- (b) whether TSD has funded any Non-Governmental Organisation / politicians in Jammu & Kashmir and if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has ordered any investigation into the said irregularities and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to dismantle TSD; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government for effective functioning of army intelligence units?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): The intelligence gathering mechanism of the Armed Forces, by its very nature is sensitive and impinges on the security of the country. As such, disclosure of any information related to this would be prejudicial to the national interest and hence cannot be disclosed on the floor of the House.