

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:646  
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2013  
UNIT RUN CANTEENS  
Vijayan Shri A.K.S.

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the Unit Run Canteens (URCs) set up in various States;
- (b) whether URCs are considered an integral part of the Canteen Stores Department (CSD);
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) There are approximately 3751 Unit Run Canteens (URCs) in different States. Details are annexed.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) & (e): The URCs are run under the arrangement of the units / formations of Defence Services. They procure items from CSD to sell them to service personnel with a moderate profit.