

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF KITS FOR SOLDIERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the items of daily use for the soldiers in the armed forces like shoes, snow jackets, ammunitions, etc. are imported;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any scheme is being formulated by the Government to procure these items indigenously; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The items of daily use for the soldiers of armed forces are primarily procured from indigenous sources mainly the Ordnance Factory Board. Some items of special clothing and equipment required for super high altitude areas and some ammunition for special weapons are procured ex-import. Import of such items is resorted to, due to limitations of indigenous sources. Efforts are made continuously to identify indigenous sources.