

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had constituted a task force to review the National Security System and its ability to respond to the increasing challenges and threats that the country is facing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the major recommendations made by the task force along with the status of each of these recommendations including creation of the institution of Chief of Defence Staff; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government for reforming the National Security System and for involvement of State Governments in the process?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Government had constituted a Task Force on National Security to review the national security management system and make suitable recommendations. The Task Force has since submitted its recommendations. The National Security Council Secretariat is processing the recommendations of the Task Force for decisions of Government after consultations with concerned stakeholder agencies.