

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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F INSAS PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is in the process of implementing Future Infantry Soldiers as a System (F-INSAS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the expected date of implementation;
- (c) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation has demonstrated the communication network as an integral part of the system;
- (d) if so, whether the Ministry of Defence has accepted the programme; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Ministry to reduce the weight carried out by the soldiers?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Yes, Madam. Project F-INSAS is being progressed as per the Defence Procurement Procedure.
- (b) Schemes under Project F-INSAS are at different stages of procurement as per Defence Procurement Procedure. These are being progressed in domains of Lethality, Survivability, Mobility and Situational Awareness.
- (c) DRDO has demonstrated technologies for wearable computers with weight under 1 kg (inclusive power back-up) to Indian Army.
- (d) The programme is being pursued in accordance with Defence Procurement Procedure.
- (e) Reduction in weight of loads carried by soldier is an ongoing process. It is being ensured by adopting light weight equipment, state-of-the-art weapons and sights as well as communication devices.