

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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Chief of Defence Staff  
Giri Shri Maheish

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to appoint a Chief of Defence Staff and have an integrated joint operations centre in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details and present status thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): The Group of Ministers (GOM) report on 'Reforming the National Security System', which was presented to Government in February, 2001 had recommended, inter-alia, the creation of the institution of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). It was decided that Government would take a view on the issue of creation of the post of the CDS after consulting the political parties. The consultation process is in progress.

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