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Protective Gear for Soldiers
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed an agreement with United States of America to jointly develop protective gear for soldiers against biological and chemical warfare;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which India is going to be benefited from the agreement?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

- (a) The Government is in the process of signing an agreement titled Next Generation Protection Ensemble (NGPE) with the United States of America.
- (b) The objective of the agreement is to test analyse and compare Chemical Biological (CB) Protection Technologies to facilitate development of requirements for a wearable protective ensemble capability with the view towards cooperatively developing mutually identified technologies subject to a separate agreement.
- (c) This agreement has good potential for mutual benefit and to promote and accelerate technology exchange. It may lead to a separate agreement for cooperatively developing mutually identified technologies.
