GOVERNMENT OF INDIA EXTERNAL AFFAIRS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4105 ANSWERED ON:23.12.2015 Indian Commando Unit at Pentagon Senthilnathan Shri PR.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether United States of America (USA) has recently created a new separate section in Pentagon called 'the Indian Commando Unit';
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the purpose and motive of the US Government to create such separate section in Pentagon; and
- (c) the benefits for India out of this newly constituted section?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS [GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (c) A cell was created in January 2015 in the US Department of Defence called 'India Rapid Reaction Cell' (IRRC). This cell has been created to closely monitor and process issues relating to the Defense Technology and Trade Initiative (DTTI) between India and the US. The IRRC aims to ensure inter-agency coordination on DTTI proposals within the US system.