

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUPPLY OF SUB STANDARD FOOD TO SOLDIERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether complaints regarding supply of sub-standard food stuff and rations to soldiers has come to the notice of the Government;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to revamp procurement procedures, expand the vendor base and computerize the inventory managements to tide over the problem and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether healthcare experts have been deployed to pre-check the rations so as to weed out the sub-standard food stuff and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the other measures being taken by the Government for supply of quality food to soldiers?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (e): No case of supply of sub-standard food-stuff and rations to soldiers has been reported in recent past. Improvement in quality of rations is the prime concern of the Government and is a continuous process. E-procurement has been started for procurement of Atta. All dry ration items are pre-checked before dispatch. To ensure the quality and nutrition of food items, Defence Food Analyst have been posted in Composite Food Laboratories (CFLs) and Food Inspection Units.