

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1835

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH MARCH, 2017

CHIEF OF DEFENCE STAFF

1835. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to create the post of Chief of Defence Staff to promote coordination in planning, operations and modernisation of the three armed forces; and
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the objectives of creation of such post?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): Creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) was recommended by Group of Ministers in 2001. A decision in this regard was to be taken after consultation with political parties. The consultation process however is not yet complete as all political parties have not responded. Subsequently, Naresh Chandra Task Force on National Security recommended creation of the post of Permanent Chairman Chief of Staff Committee in 2012. Both the proposals are simultaneously under consideration of the Government.
