## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.400 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY, 2017

## POWER BANKS FOR ARMED FORCES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE रक्षा मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether officers and soldiers of the Armed Forces operating over difficult terrain are unable to charge their mobile phones and communication sets and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Indian Army needs a new set of power banks that can work in all weather conditions and withstand the rigours of military life;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to meet the requirements of power banks in the Armed Forces?

## A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

रक्षा राज्य मंत्री

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(a) All official mobile phones and communications equipment of the Armed Forces operating over difficult terrain come with their integral Power Banks and Generators. No difficulty in their charging has been faced or reported. Even facility of charging personal mobile phones is being provided under unit / sub unit arrangements and no such issue of lack of charging facility has come to light.

(b) to (d): All Power Banks, Batteries, Generator and Charging Sets are suitably ruggedized as per the stipulated Military Standards to ensure their operatability in all weather conditions and rigours of terrain.

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