

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA

**STARRED QUESTION NO.288**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2017

**SINGLE-POINT MILITARY ADVISOR**

\*288. SHRI SUMAN BALKA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE जेकेके एए=ह  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to appoint single-point military advisor to promote synergy among the defence services and also intends to create theatre commands for greater interoperability within the services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

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**(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 288 FOR ANSWER ON 4.8.2017**

**(a) to (c):** The Group of Ministers (GoM), constituted to review the Report of the Kargil Review Committee, had in its report *inter-alia* recommended the creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). It was decided that a decision in this regard should be taken after consultation with political parties. The consultation process could not be completed because all parties had not responded. Subsequently, the Naresh Chandra Task Force on National Security had, in 2012, recommended the creation of the post of Permanent Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee. Both proposals are under consideration of the government.

A number of measures are being taken to ensure inter-operability between the Services including through joint training and exercises.

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