

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.726
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH FEBRUARY, 2018

CREATION OF DEFENCE CHIEF POST

726. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to create the post of Chief of Defence Staff and also Theatre commands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the proposal is likely to improve the jointness and effectiveness as well as economy in budget;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons the command headquarters are not located in one place and working jointly at present; and
- (e) the steps taken / being taken for early implementation of the proposal?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(a) to (e): 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. 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.

Creation of appropriate military command structures is a complex exercise involving operational, technical, logistical and financial aspects, and is reviewed from time to time. Appropriate measures are being taken from time to time to ensure inter-operability between the Services including through joint training and exercises.
