

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1376
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JULY, 2018

SHEKATKAR COMMITTEE

1376. SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government appointed Shekatkar Committee on defence reforms and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the said committee has submitted its report to the Government;
- (c) if so, the details of the recommendations made by the committee;
- (d) whether the Government has accepted 65 recommendations of the committee and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which remaining recommendations are likely to be accepted and implemented keeping in view the rising threat perception from neighbouring countries?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. A Committee of Experts (CoE) was constituted by Ministry of Defence under the chairmanship of Lt Gen (Retd) DB Shekatkar to recommend measures to enhance combat capability and rebalance defence expenditure of the armed forces. The Committee submitted its report in December 2016.

The Report was taken up by the Ministry of Defence to frame key action points and roadmap for implementation. Measures as recommended by the Committee and taken up for implementation include:

- (i) **Optimization of Signals Establishments to include Radio Monitoring Companies, Corps Air Support Signal Regiments, Air Formation Signal Regiments, Composite Signal Regiments and merger of Corps Operating and Engineering Signal Regiments.**

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- (ii) Restructuring of repair echelons in the Army to include Base Workshops, Advance Base Workshops and Static / Station Workshops in the field Army.
- (iii) Redeployment of Ordnance echelons to include Vehicle Depots, Ordnance Depots and Central Ordnance Depots apart from streamlining inventory control mechanisms.
- (iv) Better utilization of Supply and Transportation echelons and Animal Transport Units.
- (v) Closure of Military Farms and Army Postal Establishments in peace locations.
- (vi) Enhancement in standards for recruitment of clerical staff and drivers in the Army.
- (vii) Improving the efficiency of the National Cadet Corps.

A total of 99 recommendations, including the 65 recommendations pertaining to Indian Army were forwarded for implementation to concerned agencies / stakeholders. Full details of the Report and its recommendations are not being placed in the public domain as operational aspects of the armed forces have also been covered, disclosure of which is not in the interest of national security.
