(c)   what are the steps taken by Government to avoid any bad name to Indian forces due to corruption; and

(d)   the steps initiated by the Ministry to increase vigilance in wastage of public money?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) Instances of cases of corruption have come to light through various sources including media reports. Cognizance of offence is taken on verification of facts through Court of Inquiry. Appropriate action as per Rules is taken against those found culpable. Well defined steps in Defence Procurement Procedure, 2008, Central Vigilance Commission guidelines, internal audit, audit by Comptroller and Auditor General of India, punitive measures in the service Acts etc. help in increasing vigilance in wastage of public money.

Defence Technology Commission

2609. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that Government proposes Defence Technology Commission so as to push research and development in Defence technologies; and

(b)   if so, what would be the role of DRDO in the above Commission?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The role of Defence Technology Commission (DTC) will be to issue policy guidelines for Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) with an aim to enhance self-reliance in Defence preparedness. DRDO will provide inputs on issues related to the technologies and systems through Secretary, Department of Defence R&D. The Secretariat of DTC will be run by the DRDO.

Defence University for study of security challenges

2610. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that Government proposes to set up Defence University for holistic study of defence and strategic security challenges;

(b)   whether the Defence educational institutions situated in various parts of the country would be affiliated to Defence University; and

(c)   how the proposed university will synergize the academic community and Government functions with regards to defence?