

(b) Further release of spectrum during the year as per MoU is contingent on fulfillment of timelines/triggers in the MoU.

(c) Allotment of spectrum is done by MoC&IT.

Purchase of air radar from US

‡308. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to purchase state of the art air radar from the United States of America;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the purpose of purchasing such radars; and

(d) the time by when the deal is likely to materialize?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) At present there is no proposal with the Ministry of Defence to purchase state of the art air radar from the United States of America.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Checking portraying of Army's image in disgraceful manner

‡309. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in some of the newspapers, army's image is depicted in a disrespectful manner;

(b) if so, whether efforts are being made to check it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Government takes measures to appropriately brief and inform the media, regarding the Armed Forces. Appropriate action is taken in case of inaccurate reporting on the Armed Forces.

Fragging and suicide cases in armed forces

310. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that armed forces have been grappling with instances of fragging and suicide cases every year;

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.