

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) to (d) A file relating to requests of vendors regarding offset was accidentally dropped by an officer in Asiad Village where he was residing, at 8 p.m. on 21st December, 2010. The file was recovered in half an hour. However, the file did not contain any information which was sensitive. It contained requests of some companies with regard to offsets. An enquiry was conducted by the Ministry into the incident and Officers responsible have been cautioned in writing.

Recognition of URCs as retail outlet to CSD

1431. SHRI SHADI LAL BATRA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) has recommended to Government for recognizing the Unit Run Canteens (URCs) as a retail outlet integral to CSD;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by Government to bring the URCs in the mainstream and as integral part of CSD canteens?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The matter is presently under consideration.

Development of Star Wars like weaponry by DRDO

1432. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the DRDO is considering to develop its own set of Star Wars like weapons;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the DRDO has expressed its interest to develop many more sophisticated weapons and sought Government approval; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) Information can not be divulged in the interest of National Security.

Improvement required in LCA Tejas

1433. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas is ready for take off;
- (b) whether it is a fact that some more improvements are required in the aircraft; and