



Ministry of Defence

Quality of Food served to Soldiers

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There have been no major complaints by the soldiers regarding quality of food. The soldiers of Armed Forces are provided rations as per entitlement and Defence Food Specifications. However, the improvement in quality of food is ongoing process and is undertaken based on feedback from troops and advice of scientific bodies.

Some of important steps taken by Government towards the improvements are mentioned below:-

- Increase in scale of meat / chicken (broiler) dressed for JCOs / ORs and authorisation of chilled / frozen meat / chicken as basic ration at 136 stations.
- Introduction of ready to eat vegetables in retort pouches with longer shelf life.
- Extension of Special Rations of Siachen Glacier to troops across the country anywhere above 12000 feet.

This information was given by Minister of State for Defence Dr. Subhash Bhamre in a written reply to Shrimati Jharna Das Baidya and Shri Naresh Agrawal in Rajya Sabha today.

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