

Shekatkar committee

June 24, 2019

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.

Some of the key recommendations taken include:

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