

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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MODERNISATION OF ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item appeared in Delhi edition of 'Navbharat Times' dated September 22, 2000 wherein the Army Chief has emphasised the need for modernisation of Indian Army; and

(b) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken for modernisation of Indian Army to meet the present challenges of the world scenario?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Modernisation of Army is a continuous process which is planned based on changing threat perception; advancement in technology and budgetary allocations. Plans for modernisation have been drawn up and due importance is being given for their implementation.