

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3963
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ACQUISITION OF BATTLE TANKS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the battle tanks manufactured by Heavy Vehicles Factory, Avadi from 1994, inspected by DGQA, passed by Resident Inspector and procured by our Army are, all, in good working condition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the details of shortcomings noticed therein and the action taken thereon;
- (d) whether the Army has collected all the battle tanks manufactured by H.V.F. Avadi till date; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): Since, 1993-94 a total of 500 Tanks manufactured by Heavy Vehicles Factory have been supplied to Army after inspection by Director General of Quality Assurance and these are under use by Army. Some problems of quality have arisen which Army Headquarters have indicated to Heavy Vehicles Factory, Avadi who are rectifying these problems in consultation with Army Headquarters. Pending this rectification, 76 tanks produced during 1999-2000 are awaiting collection by the Army.