

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4043
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SPARES FOR AK S FROM BULGARIA
GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA;Y.S. VIVEKANANDA REDDY

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Bulgarian team visited India in October, 2000 and offered to sell spares of AK-47s to India;
- (b) if so, whether any agreement has been reached between the two countries in Defence sector; and
- (c) if so, the salient features thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES))

- (a) H.E. Mr. Boyko Noev, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria alongwith a delegation visited India on October 29 - 31, 2000. During the meetings of the Bulgarian delegation in the Ministry of Defence matters relating to bilateral defence cooperation were discussed. It will not be in the interest of national security to disclose details in this regard.
- (b) No formal Agreement has been signed during the visit.
- (c) Does not arise.