

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF DEFENCE ARTICLES FROM RUSSIA

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Deputy Prime Minister of Russia has recently visited India and signed an agreement on supply of defence articles;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government propose to maintain transparency in the procurement of Defence articles from Russia;
- (d) whether the preliminary testing of all the defence articles have been conducted before entering into final deal; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) & (b): The then Deputy Prime Minister of Russia Mr. I.I. Klebanov visited India during 6-8 February, 2002 for the Second Meeting of the Inter-Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation between India and Russia.No agreement was signed on supply of defence articles during this visit. However a contract relating to the supply of Krasnopol ammunition was signed.
- (c) Procurement of defence articles, including procurement from Russia, is governed by laid down Defence Procurement Procedure.
- (d) & (e): Preliminary testing of all defence articles is conducted before entering into final deal.