

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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UPKEEP OF ARMY VEHICLES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Jonga, Nisan and Shaktimaan have been declared useless by the Army;
- (b) if so, whether their production has since been stopped; and
- (c) the scheme formulated by the Army for operation and upkeep of the existing said vehicles in the Army?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The old generation vehicles in the Army are being phased out as per discard policy of the Government. The production of Jonga, Nissan 1 Ton and 3 Ton Shaktiman vehicles has, therefore, been stopped and the new generation vehicles as replacement of the same are procured to meet the deficiency in the Army within the available resources. The balance life of the existing fleet of Jonga, Nissan 1 Ton and 3 Ton Shaktiman vehicles will be utilised in the Army by procuring spares from Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur till these are finally discarded as per the discard policy.