

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION TO DEFENCE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the allocation made for the defence sector during the Ninth Five Year Plan against the actual requirement;
- (b) whether the defence expenditure is increasing year after year;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the amount proposed to be spent on the defence sector during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) The actual Defence expenditure during the first four years of the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002) and the Revised Estimates for 2001-2002 amounted to Rs. 2,28,868.24 crores as per details below:

Year Actual Expenditure

1997-1998	Rs. 35,277.99	crores
1998-1999	Rs. 39,897.58	crores
1999-2000	Rs. 47,070.63	crores
2000-2001	Rs. 49,622.04	crores
2001-2002	Rs. 57,000.00	crores
(Revised Estimates)		

(b) & (c): The Defence expenditure is increasing year after year on account of normal growth in obligatory charges, essential maintenance requirements and modernisation needs of the Defence Services.

(d) It will not be in the interest of national security to disclose the details in this regard.