

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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DEFENCE ACQUISITIONS FROM PRIVATE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Private Sector slow in meeting defence needs' which appeared in the Tribune dated January 26, 2000;
- (b) if so, the details and quantum of hardware equipment imported by the Government during and after the Kargil War; and
- (c) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to produce the above mentioned imported equipments in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE  
(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Equipment worth Rs. 2414.00 crore was contracted for import during this period.
- (c) Indigenisation is resorted to by obtaining transfer of technology of selected imported equipment taking into consideration the techno-commercial feasibility and by productionising items of similar nature developed by DRDO. As indigenisation progresses, the import of such items progressively decreases.