

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDUCTION OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Army has raised some objections to the inclusion of indigenous state of the art defence equipment like Arjun Tanks and Helicopters in the armed services;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the amount incurred on the projects of the manufacturing of Arjun Tanks and Helicopters so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Question does not arise, in view of the reply to part (a) above.
- (c) The development cost incurred on the project of Arjun Tank is approximately Rs. 352 crore. The amount incurred on the project of manufacture of Advanced Light Helicopter for Army is Rs. 360.36 crore.