

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2537

ANSWERED ON:18.12.2003

ORDERS FOR PROCUREMENT OF INDIGENOUS DEFENCE EQUIPMENTS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether orders are not being received from the three wings of armed forces for procurement of indigenously manufactured advanced defence arms and ammunitions;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the number of orders given by the Armed Forces for procurement of indigenous arms and ammunitions during the last three years, so far;
- (d) the number of arms and ammunitions being manufactured in the country for which armed forces have placed the orders to foreign countries;
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto and the steps taken by the Government to promote indigenous arms and ammunitions;
- (f) whether the quality of indigenous arms and ammunitions are inferior to that of foreign arms and ammunitions; and
- (g) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.
- (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.
- (d) Nil.
- (e) All the three Services have taken up indigenisation efforts for development of advanced arms and ammunitions and their subsequent production indigenously.
- (f) No, Sir.
- (g) Does not arise in view of answer to (f) above.