

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1211
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ACQUISITION OF RUSSIAN LASER SHELLS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Army has been insisting on the Government to buy 1000 Russian laser-guided 155 Krasnopol-M rounds for Rs. 150 crores;
- (b) if so, whether the projectile failed to perform suitably during the test firing at high altitudes;
- (c) if so, whether the government have taken any final decision for purchasing the same or any other alternative is being considered; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a): A proposal for the purchase is under process.
- (b) to (d): The mountain trials have been completed. The Army Headquarters have not yet furnished the trial evaluation report due to which no final decision in the matter has been taken.