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DEVELOPMENT OF ARJUN TANK
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether DRDO has developed Arjun Tank for the Army;
- (b) if so, the salient capabilities of this tank;
- (c) the manner in which this tank is better than T-90 Tanks purchased from Russia;
- (d) whether the requisite preliminary tests have been carried out to test the capabilities of this tank;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the deficiencies which came to the notice of the Government; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to rectify the deficiencies?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Some of the salient capabilities of Arjun tank are superior armour defeating capability, day and night operation, remarkable mobility, excellent ride comfort, high degree of immunity and fire 'on the move' capability.
- (c) The Arjun tank is superior to T-90 tank due to its high power to weight ratio, superior fire on the move capability during day and night and excellent ride comfort.
- (d) MBT Arjun has gone through all the tests and it is meeting the General Staff Qualitative Requirement of the Army. The first batch of five Arjun tanks, out of production lot will be going, for comparative trials with T-90 tanks.
- (e) During preparatory tests before comparative trials certain systems have not met the acceptance criteria. These units are being rectified.
- (f) Ruggedisation has been introduced to withstand peak abnormal temperature.