

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTCOMING NOTICED IN ARJUN TANKS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been invited to the news item captioned, "31 years on, Arjun still not battle ready" appearing in the Time of India dated December 21, 2005;
- (b) if so, the shortcoming noticed by the Army in Arjun Tank; and
- (c) the steps taken to rectify these shortcomings?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the preparatory tests in summer 2005 before the comparative trials of the five Arjun production tanks, observations on two sub-systems like Gunner's Main Sight (GMS), Gun Control System (GCS) noticed.

(c) These observations have been analysed and necessary rectification and ruggedisation of the two sub-systems were carried out to withstand peak abnormal temperature. Preparatory trials and evaluation of the tank is under process for comparative trials by Army in summer of 2006.