

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PLANS TO BUILD MILITARY CAPABILITIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether long terms defence and strategic planning continues to flounder, with no concrete measures yet in place to build military capabilities in a systematic manner in tune with the country's growing geo-political aspirations as reported in the 'Times of India' dated May 01, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the lack of systematic plans to build capabilities in the most cost effective manner, instead of merely procuring weapon systems, would certainly indicate otherwise; and

(d) if so, the corrective measures taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. The long term defence and strategic planning is in place wherein Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP) based on country's geo-political aspirations and capabilities required by defence forces is made for 15 years duration. This is modified every five years based on the changing requirements. The present LTIPP covers the period from 2002-2017.

(c) & (d): The procurement of defence items is carried out as per the procedure laid in Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP)-2006 and Defence Procurement Manuel 2007 for capital and revenue procurements respectively. These procedures aim to ensure that the capabilities are acquired in most cost efficient manner.