

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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CAPABILITIES OF ARMY TANKS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Army has only 3000 tanks in its armoury for operational needs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including their number, category-wise;
- (c) whether these tanks are equipped with night fighting capabilities;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): The present holding of tanks with Army is based on operational requirement. Upgrading them to meet emergent requirements is an on-going process.