

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF HEAVY MACHINE GUNS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Army has floated a global Request For Information (RFI) for procurement of heavy machine guns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the offers received from the firms;
- (c) whether the present heavy machine guns have outlived their lives; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken or being taken by the Government to meet the requirement of the Army?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): A Request for Information for procurement of Heavy Machine Gun was issued by the Army on 16th March, 2010. Based on the responses received to the Request for Information, the procurement action will follow as per the extant Defence Procurement Procedure. The Government constantly reviews the security environment and takes necessary steps for induction of appropriate equipment required by the Armed Forces.