

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MBT ARJUN

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to take up comparative trials of indigenously designed and produced MBT Arjun and T-90 tanks produced indigenously on Transfer of Technology (ToT) from Russia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the major components of Arjun Tanks are being imported from foreign countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Army is likely to place more orders for the Arjun Tanks; and
- (f) if so, the savings to be accrued as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (f): The decision on the further order of the MBT Arjun tanks would be based on the results of recently concluded comparative trials of MBT Arjun and T-90 tanks.

Certain components of MBT Arjun are imported based on the indigenous design of their configurations. The other systems are indigenously designed and produced.