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T-72 TANKS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether T-72 tank fleet is optimally utilized by the Army;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the tanks have been equipped with night fighting capabilities and modern thermal imaging; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The T-72 tank fleet is being optimally used and is the mainstay of the present tank fleet. The entire fleet of this tank is fully battle worthy with high mission and operational reliability.

Out of the total holding of the tanks, a part of it is already equipped with high end technology night vision device which has been fully integrated and exploited. Further, the process of upgrading the night fighting capabilities with the state-of-the-art thermal imaging is an ongoing process.