

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEFENCE CAPABILITY OF ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the army has achieved optimal level of operational readiness to meet the emerging security challenges;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether bureaucratic bottlenecks, cumbersome procurement procedure and general apathy are hurdles in the way of its modernisation plan; and
- (d) if so, the measures taken to speed up the process?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The Indian Army is operationally capable of meeting any challenges to national security. However, capability development is a dynamic process and it is the constant endeavour of the Government to keep the Army at maximum level of operational readiness at all times.
- (c) & (d): Government has taken several steps to expedite the procurement/modernization procedure including inter alia laying down the revised Defence Procurement Procedure and Fast Track Procedure, which is regularly reviewed to improve efficiency of procurement procedure.