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ARMY COMMUNICATION NETWORK
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop an Army communication network with the help of private sector companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the names of the companies which have shown interest in the proposed communication network; and
- (c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and the time by which the same will become operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Expressions of Interest (EOI) have been invited from various vendors including Defence Public Sector Undertakings and private companies for development of an Army communication network, namely, Tactical Communication System (TCS) under 'Make' category of Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP). The 'Make' procedure provides for preparation of Detailed Project Report by shortlisted vendors which will inter-alia indicate the estimated expenditure and the time frame.