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DEVELOPMENT OF FMBT

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has undertaken a project to indigenously develop Future Main Battle Tank (FMBT) in order to replace T-72 tanks in the Army;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including its specifications;
- (c) the estimated cost of the project; and
- (d) the time by which the said tank is likely to be developed and inducted?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Preliminary Staff Qualitative Requirement (PSQR) of Future Main Battle Tank (FMBT) has been formulated by the Army. Feasibility study on FMBT is being carried out by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

(d) FMBT is likely to be developed by the year 2020.