

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:150

ANSWERED ON:07.03.2011

PURCHASE OF HOWITZER GUNS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to procure Light Howitzer Guns (LHG) from the United States of America under Foreign Military Sales route;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and the schedule of induction in the army;
- (c) whether the concerned vendor/manufacturing company is facing alleged charges of corruption as reported recently;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to indigenously produce LHGs and its ancillaries; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 150 FOR ANSWER ON 07.03.2011.

The trials for procurement of Light Weight 155 mm Howitzers through Foreign Military Sales (FMS) route from the Government of the United States of America, are under way. Under the FMS route, the agreement, if any, takes place between the Governments of India and the United States of America. At present, there is no proposal to indigenously produce Light Howitzer Guns (LHG) and its ancillaries.