

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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DEFENCE PREPAREDNESS

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has undertaken review of defence preparedness and set up a high level task force in this regard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the time by which the task force is likely to submit its report;
- (c) the salient features of the ongoing defence modernisation programme including the steps being taken to speed up the acquisition of defence equipment and the current status thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has approved a new defence production/procurement policy as part of the modernisation programme and also private sector participation with level playing field so as to develop a strong indigenous R&D base in the country thereby reducing dependence on foreign supplies; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): The review of defence preparedness is an on-going process, keeping in consideration the changing nature of challenges to national security.
- (c) The modernization of the capabilities of the Armed Forces is also an on going process which involves upgradation of skills, equipment and technology. The acquisition of defence equipment is presently being done under the provisions of the Defence Procurement Procedure and the Defence Procurement Manual. There are adequate provisions to cater for urgent operational necessities.
- (d) & (e): The Government has announced the Defence Production Policy in January, 2011. The policy aims at achieving substantive self-reliance in the design, development and production of the equipment/weapon systems/platforms required for defence.