

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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T-72 TANKS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the fleet of T-72 tanks is fully operational in the Army;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the tanks have been equipped with the night fighting capabilities and the latest thermal imaging system; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The T-72 Tank fleet is fully operational in the Indian Army. Out of the total holding of the tanks, a part of it is already equipped with high end technology night vision device. Further, the process of upgrading the night fighting capabilities with the state-of-the-art thermal imaging is an ongoing process.