

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TECHNICAL PROBLEMS IN GUN SYSTEMS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the army has reported technical and operational problems in the existing gun systems;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government had secured the right of transfer of technology during the purchase of Bofors Guns;
- (d) if so, the reasons for not manufacturing these guns in the country; and
- (e) whether any detailed work plan has been formulated for the upgradation/modernisation of ordnance factories manufacturing guns for the army?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): Madam, there are no technical problems reported. However, due to vintage and exploitation of the guns, mechanical problems of routine nature do come up from time to time. These are rectified by the repair/maintenance agencies either in situ or at the workshops established for this purpose.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) Though all the technological documents as per the ToT contract were received by OFB from M/s. AB Bofors, the Transfer of Technology was not carried forward as the dealings with the technology provider, (M/s. AB Bofors) were suspended. Further, no indent was placed by Army on OFB for manufacture and supply of complete gun system.
- (e) Yes, Madam. Capital expenditure of Rs.376.55 crore has been sanctioned by the Government in March, 2012 for creation/augmentation of Large Calibre Weapon manufacturing capacity in Ordnance Factories.