

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken several measures for the modernization of armed forces including the Coast Guard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, Service-wise;
- (c) the total amount of funds allocated for modernization of the forces including the Army during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the details of financial allocation for the modernization projects sanctioned for the financial year 2011-12 under various heads;
- (e) whether a certain amount of financial support has been withdrawn in the same year; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Madam, modernization of the Armed Forces including the Coast Guard is a continuous process based on threat perception, operational challenges, technological changes and available resources. The process is based on a 15 year Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP), five year Services Capital Acquisition Plan (SCAP) and Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP). Procurement of equipment and weapon systems is carried out as per the AAP in accordance with the Defence Procurement Procedure.

(c) The budgetary allocations on capital acquisition for modernization of Armed Forces including Army, Navy, Air Force, Joint Staff and Coast Guard during the years 2008-09 to 2011-12 are as under:

Year Budget Allocations
(Rs.in Crore)

2008-09 38,515.24

2009-10 41,671.59

2010-11 44,899.25

2011-12 54,598.02

(d) to (f): The budget estimates and revised estimates for modernization of Armed Forces during the year 2011-12 under various heads are as under:

Service/	Budget	Estimates	Revised	Estimates	Difference
Head of budget	(BE) 2011-12	(RE) 2011-12	(BE-RE)		
(Rs.in Crore)	(Rs. in Crore)	Increase (+)	Decrease (-)		
			(Rs. in Crore)		

Army	10,740.02	4,950.02	5,790.00 (-)
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Navy	13,149.02	16,040.27	2,891.25 (+)
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Air Force 28,412.74 26,033.92 2,378.82(-)

Joint Staff 696.24 385.24 311.00(-)

Coast Guard 1,600.00 1,600.00 0.00

Total: 54,598.02 49,009.45 5,588.57(-)

The allocation of funds for modernization has been revised based on funds provided by Ministry of Finance in RE in 2011-12 in the Capital segment of Defence Services estimates. However, additional allocation of Rs.2585 crore has been made for other capital requirements of Army including supply of capital equipment from ordnance factories.