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ARTILLERY GUNS FOR ARMY

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has not purchased any new artillery guns for the army for a long time as reported in the media recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which it has impacted the operational preparedness of the army;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to purchase state-of- the-art artillery guns for the army in near future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Madam, purchase of medium guns (155mm calibre) has suffered slippages in the past. However, the process for procurement of these guns is underway. The following modern artillery systems have been inducted in the recent past:

- (i) Pinaka Rocket System.
- (ii) Smerch Rocket System.
- (iii) BrahMos Missile System.
- (iv) Upgradation of 130mm Guns system to 155mm/45 cal gun system.
- (c) The operational preparedness of the Army continues to remain at the desired level.
- (d) & (e): The Government proposes to induct the following artillery guns in future:
 - (i) 155mm / 52 Calibre Towed Gun.
 - (ii) 155mm / 52 Calibre Tracked (Self-Propelled) Gun.
 - (iii) 155mm / 52 Calibre Wheeled (Self propelled) Gun.
 - (iv) 155mm / 52 Calibre Mounted Gun System (MGS).
 - (v) 155mm / 39 Calibre Ultra Light Howitzer (ULH).