

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEFENCE EXPENDITURE

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether China is planning to make a significant increase in its defence spending by 11.2 per cent in the fiscal year 2012 over the previous year as reported recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the defence expenditure of India vis-a-vis that of other neighbouring countries during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the total budget and the annual increase in the defence budget of China during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government has any plans to close the gap between the defence spending of India vis-à-vis China in the coming years;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the implications thereof on the security of the Asian region especially India?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) to (c): As per the information available from open sources, China is planning to increase its defence spending in the year 2012.
- (d) to (f): Government is fully seized of the security imperatives of the country as well as the need for developing requisite infrastructure in the border areas. Necessary steps, as required, have been initiated for ensuring that national security concerns are adequately addressed through development of infrastructure, including rail, roads and forward air fields, as well as operational capabilities of the Armed forces to secure the desired national security objectives.