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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 prepared perspective plans for modernization of the three Services of the armed forces during the Twelfth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the percentage of defence expenditure spent on modernization of the three forces and procurement of defence equipment during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, Service-wise;
- (d) whether the allocated funds have been optimally utilised;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the corrective measures proposed so as to equip the forces including the Air Force with state-of-the-art equipment?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Madam, modernization of the Armed Forces 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). The Twelfth Five Year Plan 2012-17 for the Armed Forces has been prepared and is awaiting consideration by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC).

(c) Expenditure on modernization of Armed Forces through capital acquisition as percentage of total defence expenditure during the years 2007-08 to 2011-12 was:

Year	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
		(Upto February			
Service		2012)			

Army	7.30%	4.71%	5.75%	4.68%	2.46%
Navy	9.17%	7.73%	8.93%	10.45%	10.28%
Air Force	13.79%	13.71%	12.30%	14.39%	15.10%
Joint Staff	0.17%	0.11%	0.12%	0.12%	0.19%
Total:	30.43%	26.26%	27.10%	29.64%	28.03%

(d) to (f): Funds have been optimally utilized to equip the Armed Forces including the Air Force with state-of-the art equipment. The budget estimates (BE), revised estimates (RE) and the actual expenditure on Capital acquisition for modernization of Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force and Joint Staff) was as under:

(` in crore)

Year	Budget Estimates	Revised Estimates	Actual Expenditure
2007-08	32826.80	28110.01	27903.42
2008-09	37482.77	30614.64	30000.42
2009-10	40367.72	35146.88	38427.00
2010-11	43799.21	44440.63	45686.77
2011-12	52998.02	47409.45#	42462.53
	(Upto February		
	2012)		

This is 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.