

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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AMMUNITION FOR SMALL WEAPONS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total value and quantity of imports for ammunition for small weapons during the last three years, country-wise;
- (b) the percentage of ammunition indigenously manufactured;
- (c) the difficulties faced for complete indigenisation of arms and ammunition; and
- (d) the measures taken by the Government to achieve self-sufficiency and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Qty. 37,194 of the ammunition for small arms valued at Rs.5.46 crores were imported from Bulgaria during the last three years. 85% of ammunition for small weapons is indigenously manufactured by the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). The OFB does not face any difficulty in indigenization of ammunition for small weapons, for its product range.