

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:639

ANSWERED ON:13.08.2012

DEFENCE BUDGET

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage of their GDP spent by India, Pakistan and China on their respective Defence Budget;
- (b) whether the amount that Pakistan and China declare as their Defence Budget is an accurate reflection of their Defence spending and if so, the reaction of Government thereof;
- (c) whether the amount allocated towards India's Defence Budget is adequate to meet the challenges to our National Security and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether our current Defence spending also takes into account the changing security situation in the Western Theatre on account of the US drawdown in Afghanistan and the Indo-Afghan Strategic Partnership which may put increasing demands on our Defence Establishments; and
- (e) whether our current and projected Defence Budget also take into account the rapidly changing security situation in the South China Sea and its implications on maritime realities of the Indian Ocean and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 639 FOR ANSWER ON 13.8.2012

(a) Total Defence spending of `1,70,913.28 crores during 2011-12 constitutes 1.92% of the GDP [(Advance Estimates) as per Economic Survey 2011-12]. Defence Budget of ` 1,93,407.29 crores as approved under BE 2012-13 would be 1.90% of GDP projected by Ministry of Finance. On the basis of unauthenticated data available, it is assessed that the Defence Budget as a percentage of GDP in Pakistan and China, is as under:-

Country 2010 2009 2008 2007

China 1.4 1.43 1.39 1.38
Pakistan 3.1 2.4 2.56 3.21

(b) There is no basis for Government to certify the accuracy, or otherwise, of official defence budgets of foreign countries. Comparison of the data on defence spending vis-a-vis that of other countries is difficult due to lack of uniformity in treatment of different components of the expenditure and non-availability of accurate and latest published data. Nevertheless, the Government continues to monitor all developments in the immediate and extended neighbourhood which have an impact on national security.

(c) to (e): The details of allocation for Defence Budget under Budget Estimates (BE) 2012-13 are as given in the following table:

(Rs.in crores)

Service BE 2012-13

Revenue Capital Total

Army 77327.03 19237.80 96564.83
Navy 12548.02 24766.42 37314.44
Air Force 17705.81 30514.45 48220.26
Sub-total 107580.86 74518.67 182099.53

Services

DGOF	-535.09	399.96	-135.13	
R&D	5995.56	4640.00	10635.56	
DGQA	787.33	20.00	807.33	
Sub-total Deptts	6247.80	5059.96	11307.76	

TOTAL	113828.66	79578.63	193407.29	
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This budgetary provision has been allocated taking into account the requirement to meet the roles and responsibilities of the Defence forces and national security imperatives. Additional requirement of funds as necessary will be projected depending on pace of utilization of allocation, progress of ongoing and new modernization schemes and other priority requirements.

All aspects of the geostrategic environment in the immediate and extended neighbourhood, which have a bearing on the country's security, are taken into account in defence budget and expenditure related decision.