

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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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 proposes to undertake modernization of the armed forces including the Air Force;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated for the purpose;
- (d) the areas and structures of the three forces which have to be strengthened to meet the emerging security challenges; and
- (e) the time by which all the three armed forces are likely to be modernized to deal with any threat from the neighbouring countries?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Madam, modernisation of the Armed Forces including the Air Force, 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).

(c) The budgetary allocation for capital acquisition for modernisation of Armed Forces during 2012-2013 is as under:-

(Rs. in crore)

Service Budget Estimate (BE) 2012-13

Army 13724.14
Navy 23252.71
Air Force 28533.00
Jt Staff 522.39
Coast Guard 1640.00

TOTAL 67672.24

(d) & (e): The modernisation of the Armed Forces is undertaken based on the threat perception, operational challenges, evolving technology and available resources. The modernisation is comprehensive and covers all major Wings of the Armed Forces.