

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MODERNISATION OF ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several modernisation projects of the army are pending for the last few years resulting in adverse impact on its efficiency;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to complete the modernisation projects under the fixed time frame?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Modernization of the Army is a continuous process based on threat perception, operational challenges, technological changes and available resources. It is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP). As per broad time frame given in DPP, it takes about 2-3 years to complete the various stages of procurement and conclude the contract.

To counter systemic and institutional delays, procedures and processes are continuously refined on the basis of experience gained during the procurement process. The Defence Procurement Procedure provides an effective framework for expeditious procurement for modernization and to keep the Armed Forces in a state of operational readiness to meet any eventuality.