

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether due to shortage of equipment and ammunition, the war capability of the Army is not satisfactory;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to take any corrective steps in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): A well structured planning process is in place for capability development and modernisation of the Indian Army. Procurement of equipment and ammunition is carried out on a continuous basis as per the Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP). By and large the equipment and ammunition in Indian Army is available in adequate quantity. However, shortages occur from time to time for which remedial action is taken. The Armed forces remain in a state of operational readiness to meet any eventuality.