

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TATRA TRUCK DEAL

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML) has placed orders for purchase of a fresh lot of Tatra Truck recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for placing the orders when CBI investigation is going on in the matter;
- (c) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has cautioned that a lack of decision on procurement of Tatra Trucks could delay defence modernisation projects by several years; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH) MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c) & (d): Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has informed regarding likely delays in DRDO developed systems which are based on Tatra vehicles as platform.