

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF WEAPONS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of weapons in the Indian Army;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and its impact on the morale of armed forces;
- (c) the reasons for not upgrading in time the age old weapons and providing new weapons to the army; and
- (d) the details of the delay in supply of defence equipment at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The procurement of ammunition and equipment for the Indian Army is carried out on a continuous basis as per the Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP). A well structured planning process is in place for the capability development and modernisation of the Army. The Armed forces remain in a state of operational readiness to meet any eventuality.