

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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IMPACT OF DELAY IN DEFENCE PROJECTS

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has written to the Ministry of Defence that certain projects of modernisation of armaments are affected because of delay in decisions pending with the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action of the Government to eliminate delays in decision making process for crucial equipment and modernizations?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has written a letter to concerned stakeholders in the Ministry of Defence in October 2012 regarding likely delay in DRDO developed systems (including armaments).

This delay is likely in case the platform on which these systems are based is changed. The delay would be in both ongoing projects (which are in fairly advanced stages of development) as well as in the case of those systems where the development work has been completed and orders have been placed by the stake holders on the production agencies.

(c) Since the letter has been written recently by DRDO, Government would take an appropriate decision after seeking opinion of stakeholders, developmental and production agencies.