

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

- (a) whether in view of dangers posed by the neighbouring countries, the Government proposes to take immediate steps in regard to modernisation of infrastructure and the three armed forces including the Navy and the Air Force;
- (b) if so, whether the budget funds allocated in the current budget for modernisation are inadequate for fulfilling the modernisation needs of the three forces;
- (c) whether in view of the scarcity, the Ministry of Defence has demanded additional budget of Rs.40,000 crore from the Government; and
- (d) if so, the decision taken by the Government in view of the danger looming large on the borders of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) The modernisation of the Armed Forces including the Navy and Air Force, is a continuous process based on threat perception, operational necessity, technological changes and available resources. The process is based on the 15 year Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP), the five year Services Capital Acquisition Plan (SCAP) and the Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP).
- (b) to (d): Budgetary allocations have been made based on the requirement projected by the Armed Forces and are found to be adequate. Depending on the utilisation of funds allocated and the progress of various Capital Acquisition schemes, additional funds, if required, are sought at the RE stage.