

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION FOR DEFENCE FORCES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has curtailed the budget for armed forces considerably;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the modernization plan of defence forces is likely to be adversely affected as a result of slashing of defence budget;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to meet the fund requirements of defence forces; and
- (e) the total estimated demand of funds for defence forces during the 12th Five Year Plan and the funds allocated by the Government for the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): It has been proposed to reduce the allocation in the current financial year by `4903.77 crore under the Revenue segment and `10,000.00 crore under Capital in the Revised Estimates 2012-13. This has been done in view of the need to curtail expenditure to contain the fiscal deficit, after taking into account the progress of approval of schemes and utilization of available budget. However, budgetary allocation of `2,03,672.12 crore is proposed for Budget Estimates (BE) of 2013-14 in respect of the Defence Services, as against BE 2012-13 allocation of `1,93,407.29 crore. This represents an increase of 5.31%.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. An increase of 9% is proposed in the Capital budget for 2013-14 as compared to BE 2012-13. This is considered reasonable to meet the estimated requirements of the next financial year. The reduced allocation in the case of RE 2012-13 is also considered sufficient given the progress of modernization schemes.

(e) Twelfth Defence Five Year Plan is yet to be finalized by the Government.