

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF ARMS .

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of weapon systems and ammunitions in Indian army;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to procure latest assault rifles / arms including Light Machine Guns (LMGs) for the army;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which these are likely to be procured?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) By and large the equipment and ammunition in India Army is available in adequate quantity. However, shortages occur from time to time for which remedial action is taken. The Armed forces remain in a state of operational readiness to meet any eventuality.
- (b) & (c): Yes, Madam. The technical offers for procurement of Assault Rifle is being evaluated. The procurement of Light Machine Guns is in Acceptance of Necessity and Categorisation stage.
- (d) The procurement of weapons and equipments is carried out in accordance with the provisions of Defence Procurement Procedures (DPP). As per broad time frame given in DPP, it takes about 2-3 years to complete the various stages of procurement and conclude the contract.