

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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MAIN BATTLE TANKS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the requirement of Main Battle Tanks (MBTs) that would be required for defence preparedness;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the number of MBTs that are being manufactured / produced indigenously and the number of MBTs that are being imported; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to produce MBTs indigenously?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The requirement for Main Battle Tanks (MBTs) for defence preparedness has been assessed and laid down in the Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP) document for the period 2012-2027. Disclosure of further information on the subject is not in the national interest.
- (d) The Main Battle Tanks (MBTs) ARJUN Mark I have been manufactured indigenously and ARJUN Mark II is under development. The T-90 tanks are manufactured indigenously by Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) under licensed production from Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM). The Future Main Battle Tank (FMBT) is under indigenous design and development.