

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NIGHT COMBAT GEARS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the night combat has been a major operational gap in the army's capabilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to buy night combat gear worth Rs.3,000 crore; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The Army's capabilities for night combat are being met with current and planned future procurements.

Effective night combat requires a variety of equipment that would include Passive Night Vision Devices for Infantry and Aviation, Hand Held Thermal Imager (HHTI) for Artillery, Mechanized Infantry, Thermal Imager Fire Control Systems (TIFCS) and Thermal Imager Stand Alone Systems (TISAS) for Armoured Corps, etc.

While there are several procurements cases in progress, there is no single night combat gear acquisition case worth Rs.3,000 crore under consideration at present.