

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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QUALITY OF ARMS AMMUNITION

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study regarding the quality of hand grenades and other such explosives being supplied to the Army;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether about 30 per cent of the said material does not explode at the time of its actual utilization; and
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government to ensure supply of up-to-date and quality arms / ammunition to the armed forces?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): There is a mechanism in place wherein defects are investigated by the Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) through well established defect investigation procedures. The defects relating to Hand Grenades were investigated and remedial measures promulgated. In order to enhance quality standards, a number of measures have been taken such as modernization of infrastructure, automation of processes, computerization, process / product upgrades etc. Further, the product improvement is an on-going process.