GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6391 ANSWERED ON:06.05.2013 INFANTRY COMBAT VEHICLES Naik Dr. Sanjeev Ganesh;Patil Shri Sanjay Dina

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to upgrade the entire fleet of infantry combat vehicle; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the cost likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Based on operational requirement, the entire Infantry Combat Vehicle (ICV) fleet of the Indian Army is being modernized to enhance their capability.

In the ICV fleet, armament and firepower capability are being upgraded with the latest generation Fire Control System, Twin Missile Launchers and Commander's Thermal Imaging Panoramic sights. These ICVs will also be equipped with the latest generation Anti Tank Guided Missiles and Automatic Grenade Launchers.

The ICV proposal for the Armament upgrade of BMP-2/2K to BMP-2M and New Power Pack for BMP-2/2K will cost an estimated `8000 crore.