

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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HOWITZER GUNS

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to modernize the Howitzer guns with the help of the private sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to give priority to indigenous companies working in the defence sector?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): A case for procurement of Qty.100 x 155mm/52 Calibre Tracked (self-propelled) Guns is in progress wherein three Indian vendors, including two private sector companies, have been selected for trials of their equipment.

(c) The recent amendments to the DPP-2011 which have been accepted by the Defence Acquisition Council aim to give higher preference to indigenous capacity in the Defence Sector.