

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUPPLY OF SUBSTANDARD EXPLOSIVE ITEMS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study in regard to the quality of hand grenades and other such explosive items being supplied to the Army;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether about thirty per cent of the above items fail to explode at the time of actual use; and
- (d) if so, the action being taken by the Government to ensure the supply of up-to-date and quality items to the jawans for the sake of national security?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): No such study has been carried out. As per records available for the period from 2005-2009, out of total grenades used in training only 0.002 percent defect reports were raised.

Certain defects were reported in 1994-1995 and in the subsequent years. Thereafter, product improvements were carried out with the result that the defects reports in subsequent years were considerably lower in number.

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA), have developed Multi Mode Grenade which has been cleared for bulk production.