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MODERNISATION OF ARMED FORCES

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

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any plan to modernize the Armed Forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated for the same;
- (c) whether budgetary allocation to the Armed Forces have been made as per their requirements;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the mechanism set up by the Government to monitor the utilisation of the fund?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Modernisation of the Armed Forces is done in accordance with 15 Year Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP), the Five Year Services Capital Acquisition Plan (SCAP) and an Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP).

The modernization plan aims to develop prioritized capabilities through induction of high technology weapons, acquisition of force multipliers and focuses on the creation of a lethal, agile and networked force prepared to meet complex security challenges.

The Budgetary Allocation for Capital Acquisition for modernization of the Armed Forces for 2013-14 is Rs.73444.59 crores.

(c) & (d): Budgetary allocations are made based on threat perception, operational challenges, technological changes and available resources as well as requirements projected by the Armed Forces.

(e) Utilisation of Defence budget is monitored through the mechanism of financial compilation prepared by CGDA. These captures the expenditure incurred under various budget heads against the available allotment. These are periodically reviewed at various levels in the Ministry and Service Headquarters to identify any areas where expenditure may be below the normal trend and areas where expenditure may be higher than the normal trend.