GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2539 ANSWERED ON:26.08.2013 PROCUREMENT OF M GUNS Ponnam Shri Prabhakar;Shetkar Shri Suresh Kumar

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to procure the M-777 guns for the Indian Army; and
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. A Letter of Request (LoR) was issued in November, 2012 to the Government of the United States for procurement of Qty. 145 x M 777 Ultra Light Howitzer (ULH) through Foreign Military Sales (FMS) route. The US Government has responded via a Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LoA) for sale of Qty. 145 x M777 ULH at a tentative cost of US Dollars 694 million. Evaluation of the case through a Technical Oversight Committee is currently under progress.