

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the total expenditure on defence by the major neighbouring countries in the last three years including the percentage of defence expenditure of total expenditure;
- (b) whether the defence expenditure of the country has lagged behind other countries of South and East Asia in the recent years;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the defence expenditure in the coming years with a view to modernise our forces; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Defence expenditure by major neighbouring countries as published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) is as under:-

[In constant (2011) US \$ Million]

Country	2010	2011	2012
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China	136467	146154	157603
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Pakistan	6251	6547	6630
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Defence expenditure as a percentage of GDP in respect of these countries is as under:-

Country	2010	2011	2012
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China	2.1	2.0	2.0
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Pakistan	2.6	2.7	2.7
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(SIPRI estimates)

(b) & (c) A like to like comparison of the data on defence spending of other countries is difficult due to lack of uniformity in treatment of different components of the expenditure and non availability of reliable figures.

(d) & (e) Requirements of the Services for modernisation have been chalked out in the Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP) and the Defence Five Year Plan. Budgetary projections are made on this basis. However, allocation of funds depends on various factors including the overall state of the economy, and availability of fiscal resources.