

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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MAIN BATTLE TANK

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

- (a) whether the barrels of main battle tank T-72 of the Indian Army are cracking during the trial;
- (b) if so, the details of such tanks with the Army and the total number of the said incidents which took place during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to rectify/repair the said shortcomings of T-72 Tank;and
- (d) The measures taken to assuage the fear of soldiers operating the said tank?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d) Some barrels of T-72 Tank which were found defective have been segregated for suitable replacement. The government is fully committed towards the safety of our troops and all necessary steps in this regard are taken. Further information on this issue cannot be divulged in the interest of National Security.