

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:475
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PURCHASE OF RIFLES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any deal for purchase of guns has been finalised since Bofors deal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether procurement process of rifles of light weight and maximum range has made any headway;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): The indent for the procurement of 114 Electronically upgraded 155mm/45 Calibre Gun was placed on OFB on 7th October 2011.
- (c) to (e): The procurement of 65,678 Assault Rifles for which the Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on 19th November, 2011, is presently at trials stage.