

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:244

ANSWERED ON:13.03.2015

DEFENCE EQUIPMENT

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether adequate arms and ammunition including defence equipment are supplied to the Defence Forces, as per their demand and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Army is facing some shortage of defence equipment at present, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether there are reports that defence personnel are using outdated defence / military equipment which endanger their lives and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (d) whether steps are being taken by the Government to meet the shortages, replace the outdated defence / military equipment including the outdated light helicopters and Indian Small Arms System (INSAS) rifles and upgrade technologically these equipment and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 244 FOR ANSWER ON 13.3.2015

(a) to (d) : Capital procurement requirements of the defence forces are reflected in the 15 year Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP). The procurement process is based on LTIPP (2012-27), five year Services Capital Acquisition Plan (SCAP) (2012-17) and Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP) (2014-16). Arms and Ammunitions are by and large available in the defence forces in adequate quantity. There are some critical shortages in ammunitions, which are being addressed. A constant endeavour for upgrading the conventional equipment, developing new technologies and acquiring contemporary systems is made. Mismatches between requirements and availability can sometimes occur which are continually addressed by the on-going procurement process.

Unsafe and outdated equipment are not utilised by Defence Forces. Ageing of equipment is a natural process and is dealt with through proper maintenance, obsolescence management, upgrades and acquisition of new equipment.

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has decided for procurement of Light Helicopters under Buy and Make (Indian) category. Five cases for procurement of small arms are at different stages of the procurement cycle.