

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF T-72 TANKS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the fleet of T-72 tanks is being used optimally by the Army;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether night combat capabilities have been developed in these tanks with the use of state- of-the-art thermal imaging; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (d): The T-72 Tank fleet continues to be mainstay of Indian Army's mechanized forces. The entire fleet of T-72 tanks is equipped with Driver Passive Night Sights and a part of its fleet is also equipped with Gunner Thermal Imager Stand Alone Sights (TISAS).