

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DELAY IN PROCUREMENT OF ULTRA LIGHT HOWITZERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been delay in procurement of ultra-light howitzers from the United States of America (USA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken for early procurement of ultra-light howitzers from USA?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c): The case for procurement of Ultra Light Howitzer (ULH) guns through US Government has not progressed due to cost issues and because the vendor has not been able to come up with a proposal fully compliant to the offset requirements.