

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of arms and ammunition for the defence forces in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, along with its likely impact on the security of the country; and
- (c) the corrective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c): The proposals for acquisition of capital assets for defence flow from the defence procurement planning process comprising of 15 year Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP), the Five Year Services Capital Acquisition Plan (SCAP) and the Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP). Additionally, an Ammunition Road Map has been approved for ammunition requirements.

Mismatches occur between requirements and availability, which are addressed regularly. The Armed Forces remain in a state of operational readiness to meet any eventuality.