

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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FUNDS FOR DEFENCE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the defence forces of the country are fully equipped to meet all kinds of external threats and situations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the allocation of funds for defence sector during the last three years has been adequate to meet the demand raised by the defence forces and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the unspent amount surrendered to the Government during the last three years and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the correctives measures being taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to address the demands of the defence forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b): Government is fully seized of the security needs of the country. Steps as required are taken for strengthening and optimising our force structure to cater to the external threats envisaged along the borders. However, capability development is a dynamic process and it is the constant endeavour of the Government to keep our forces at maximum level of operational preparedness at all times.

(c) Allocation of funds made to Defence Services during the last three years is as follows:-

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Allotment
2011-12	164415.49
2012-13	193407.29
2013-14	203672.12

The funds allocated to the Defence Services meet the requirement of obligatory charges, essential maintenance requirements and important modernisation schemes etc.

(d) Surrenders of Rs. 23.53 Crores and Rs. 172.77 Crores occurred during 2011-12 and 2013-14 respectively due to savings under multiple heads. No amount was surrendered in the year 2012-13.

(e) Every effort is made to meet the financial requirements of the defence forces within the overall resource envelope available to the government and various competing priorities. Requirements have been prioritised and progress of expenditure is closely monitored to ensure that limited resources are optimally utilised to meet the defence requirements.