

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF DEFENCE FORCES

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of arms packages received by Pakistan from the United States and expansion of trans-border military capabilities by China therein if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the speed of modernization of the Armed Forces is slow and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of proposals for modernisation of the Armed Forces currently under process;
- (d) whether various procurement projects relating to the Defence sector has not been completed so far and if so, the reason therefor; and
- (e) the details of steps being taken for speeding up the modernization process of the Armed Forces and increasing the strength of manpower engaged in various projects?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

- (a) Government is aware that various countries have extended military and financial support to Pakistan and keeps a constant watch on such assistance. Government is also aware that China is developing the infrastructure in the border regions opposite India in Tibet and Xinjiang Autonomous Regions. Therefore, a constant watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security is kept and all necessary measures are taken to safeguard it.
- (b) to (e): Modernization of the Armed Forces is a continuous process based on threat perception, operational challenges, technological changes and available resources. The process is based on 15 year Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan, five year Services Capital Acquisition Plan and Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP). Procurement of required equipment and weapon systems is carried out as per the AAP in accordance with the Defence Procurement Procedure. Disclosure of further information, which is sensitive and secret in nature, on the Floor of the House would not be in the national interest.