

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3405
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2014
DEFENCE EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the defence expenditure of the country is far below the expenditure made on defence by the neighbouring countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has any data about the total expenditure on defence made by the neighbouring countries in the last three years including the percentage of defence expenditure of total expenditure;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, year and country-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the spending on defence to cope up with the latest requirements and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3405 FOR ANSWER ON 12.12.2014

(a) to (d): A comparison of the data on defence spending vis-a-vis that of other countries is difficult due to lack of uniformity in treatment of different components of the expenditure and non-availability of reliable and latest published data. Defence expenditure by major neighbouring countries as published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) is as under:-

[In constant (2011) US\$ Million]

Country	2011	2012	2013
China	147,268	159,620	171,381
Pakistan	6,955	7,375	7,637
Sri Lanka	1,750	1,656	1,854
Bangladesh	1,578	1,625	1,636

Defence expenditure as a percentage of GDP for last three year is as under:-

Country	2011	2012	2013
China	2.0	2.0	2.0
Pakistan	2.9	3.0	3.0
Sri Lanka	3	2.6	2.8
Bangladesh	1.3	1.3	1.2

(SIPRI) estimates)

The allocation of funds for defence is made to enable full preparedness of the armed forces to meet all security challenges to the country.