

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.366
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12TH DECEMBER, 2018

DEFENCE EXPENDITURE

366. SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE please be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of defence expenditure from 2015-18 till date;
- (b) whether the Make in India initiative in defence sector has helped to increase indigenous manufacturing of weapons and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any efforts have been taken to extend quality research and development in army, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 366 FOR ANSWER ON 12.12.2018

(a) Details of Defence Expenditure (Gross) from 2015-18 till date including Defence Service Estimates, Ministry of Defence (Misc.) and Defence Pensions is as under:

(Rs in Crore)

S. No.	Year	Defence Expenditure (Gross)
1	2015-16	327095.65
2	2016-17	389614.05
3	2017-18	417241.91
4	2018-19 (till 30.11.2018)	317336.39

(b) & (c): Since the launch of 'Make in India' in September 2014, several measures have been taken by the Government to promote indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence & aerospace equipment in the country under 'Make in India' by harnessing the capabilities of the public and private sector.

During the last three years and current year (upto October, 2018) out of total 188 contracts, 121 contracts have been signed with Indian vendors for procurement of defence equipment for Armed Forces such as Helicopters, Survey vessel, Radar, Ballistic Helmets, Artillery Guns, Simulators, Missiles, Bullet Proof Jackets, Electronic Fuzzes, and ammunition.

Government has also promulgated the policy of Strategic Partnership in the Defence Sector which encourages participation of the private sector in manufacture of major defence platforms and equipment in four selected segments viz. Submarines, Fighter Aircraft, Helicopters and Armoured Fighting vehicles / Tanks.

Modernization of Armed forces, is a continuous process based on threat perception, operational challenges and technological changes to keep the Armed Forces in a state of readiness to meet various security challenges. This is achieved through induction of new equipment and technological upgradation of capabilities. Research and development for defence equipment is spearheaded by the Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO). It is primarily mandated for indigenization and modernization of Weapons / Technologies for defence and accordingly, is involved in design and development of strategic, critical, complex and security sensitive systems in the fields of missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles, radars, electronic warfare systems, sonar combat vehicles, combat aircraft, sensors, etc for the Armed Forces as per their specific qualitative requirements for enhancing national security. Value of systems / products / technologies developed / upgraded by DRDO and inducted into the services or in the process of induction stands over Rs. 2.72 lakh Crore. This figure does not include strategic systems. All efforts are made to provide best quality products to tri- services including Indian Army.
