## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1748 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2019

## **MODERNISATION OF ARMED FORCES**

1748. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{kk ea=h be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has drawn a roadmap to modernise and upgrade the capabilities of armed forces keeping in view the developments in the neighbourhood;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the budgetary allocations made for the purpose;

(c) whether the Government has commissioned any independent study in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

(a) to (d): Modernisation of the 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 the entire spectrum of security challenges. Government attaches the highest priority to ensure that the Armed Forces are sufficiently equipped to meet any operational requirement. This is achieved through induction of new equipment and technological upgradation of capabilities. The equipment requirements of the Armed Forces are planned and progressed through a detailed process which includes 15 Year Long Term Integrated

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Perspective Plan (LTIPP), a five year Service-wise Capability Acquisition Plan, a two year roll-on Annual Acquisition Plan and deliberations by the Defence Acquisition Council chaired by the Raksha Mantri.

During the last three years and in the current year (upto October, 2018), 188 contracts have been signed for capital procurement of defence equipment for Armed Forces such as Radars, Aircraft, Rockets, Artillery Guns, Helicopters, Missiles, Ballistic Helmets, Bullet Proof Jackets, Weapons, Simulators, Electronic Fuzes and Ammunition.

Budget Allocation and Expenditure under Capital Budget Head are given below:-

		(Rs. in crore)
Year	Budget Estimates	Expenditure
2016-17	78586.68	78735.46
2017-18	86488.01	90438.39
2018-19 (upto November, 2018)	93982.13	66415.51

Allocated budget is optimally utilized to avoid gap between the need and the availability of funds.

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