

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 189
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4th March, 2020

EXPORT OF ARMS

*189. DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes or has any proposal to export arms, ammunition and armament systems to the developing and semi-developed countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation has submitted any proposal to the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the action taken/being taken by the Government thereon; and
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any comparative cost study of the countries exporting arms and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE
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(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 189 FOR ANSWER ON 04.03.2020 REGARDING 'EXPORT OF ARMS'.

(a) to (d): Self-reliance in defence production to meet the requirement of our Armed Forces is imperative from both strategic and economic perspective. Furthermore, to expand the domestic defence manufacturing ecosystem and enhance their global competitiveness, efforts are being made to promote export of defence platforms and equipment to friendly foreign countries (FFC) subject to extant export control regulations. Many other steps have been taken to promote defence exports including, inter-alia, reduction in time taken for issuing export authorizations. These platforms/equipment are exported/supplied to FFCs either on commercial terms or by following the Lines of Credit etc. In view of strategic sensitivities involved, the list of such countries is not disclosed. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) does not directly export any product and has not submitted any proposal to the Government in this regard. The Government has not conducted comparative cost study of the countries exporting arms.
