

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1505**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

**ARJUN TANK**

1505. SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:  
SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI:

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

- (a) whether Arjun Tank is awaiting the Government nod for inclusion in the Indian Army;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the total amount spent by DRDO in upgrading this tank;
- (d) whether validation trials were completed in 2018; and
- (e) if so, the time by which this tank is likely to be included in the Indian Army?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) to (e): Quantity 124 Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun Mark-1 tanks have been inducted into the Indian Army since 2008 and two Armoured Regiments are fully operational with these tanks. DRDO has further developed upgraded MBT Arjun Mark-1A tank. This upgraded MBT Arjun Mark-1A tank has cleared validation trials in December, 2018. The delivery schedule and other aspects of the procurements are governed by the terms and conditions of the contract/indent.

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