GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1455
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th MARCH, 2021

DEFENCE BUDGET

1455 SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL:
SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the difference of budgetary demands made by the Armed Forces and the actual allocation in rupees for each financial year since 2014-15, year-wise;

(b) whether military officials have conveyed to Government that capital expenditure allocations in the last few years have been insufficient; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken to address the concerns raised?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1455 FOR ANSWER ON 08.03.2021 REGARDING 'DEFENCE BUDGET'.

(a) Details of total projections and allocations made to Armed Forces {Army, Navy (including Jt. Staff), and Air Force} covering both Revenue (Net) and Capital Heads are as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	BE	
	Projected	Allocated
2014-15	2,84,079.55	2,10,403.60
2015-16	2,62,335.84	2,27,874.05
2016-17	2,69,242.84	2,33,551.93
2017-18	3,37,238.49	2,41,381.70
2018-19	3,68,786.05	2,58,887.19
2019-20	3,71,033.22	2,84,226.76
2020-21	4,03,219.61	3,01,115.86
2021-22	4,49,508.45	3,24,657.56

(b) & (c): Details of projections and allocations made to Armed Forces {Army, Navy (including Jt. Staff), and Air Force} under Capital Head are as under:-

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	BE	
	Projected	Allocated
2014-15	1,32,597.69	84,076.95
2015-16	1,04,398.76	86,032.41
2016-17	1,09,449.90	78,731.32
2017-18	1,33,126.34	78,124.04
2018-19	1,57,962.78	83,434.04
2019-20	1,56,776.11	92,014.87
2020-21	1,61,849.20	1,02,432.57
2021-22	1,99,553.44	1,23,000.22

It may be observed from the above tables that the allocations received from Ministry of Finance are not as per projections made, however, based on pace of expenditure, pending committed liabilities etc., additional funds are sought during the course of the financial year at appropriate stages. It is further submitted that, if necessary, re- prioritization is undertaken to ensure that urgent and critical capabilities are acquired without any compromise to operational preparedness of the Defence Services.

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