

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.495

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH APRIL, 2017

REPLACEMENT OF OUTDATED EQUIPMENT

*495. SHRI K. PARASURAMAN:

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

- (a) whether several weapons and equipment of the Armed Forces need to be replaced immediately due to obsolescence and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government undertakes periodical review to include new technologies and replace the outdated equipment and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 495 FOR ANSWER ON 7.4.2017

(a) to (c): Ageing of equipment is a natural process and is dealt with through proper maintenance, obsolescence management, upgrades and acquisition of new equipment. Replacement of ageing and obsolete equipment is a part of the modernization of the Armed Forces which is envisaged in the long-term integrated perspective plan having a span of 15 years. Government has taken various measures to ensure the modernization of Defence forces to keep the forces in a state of readiness to meet operational and security challenges. The capital procurement of defence equipment is progressed as per approved Service Capital Acquisition Plan and Annual Acquisition Plans in terms of extant Defence Procurement Procedure. Government regularly monitors such procurement cases for their expeditious conclusion.

147 contracts involving over Rupees Two Lakh crores have been signed for procurement of various equipment during the year 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 (upto February, 2017).
