

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4884
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31ST MARCH, 2017
SHORTAGE OF FUNDS IN DRDO

4884. SHRI R. GOPALAKRISHNAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the budgetary allocations to his Ministry this year is only a modest six percent hike in comparison to the previous years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the impact thereof;
- (c) whether the budget allocations towards the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has been reduced resulting in held up of number of research works / projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to ensure that DRDO is not suffering with any fund crunch?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
रक्षा राज्य मंत्री

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4884 FOR ANSWER ON 31.3.2017

(a) & (b): In the financial year 2016-17 Budget Estimates (BE) of Defence Services Estimates and Ministry of Defence (Miscellaneous) was ₹ 2,58,589.32 crore, whereas for the financial year 2017-18 BE is ₹ 2,74,114.12 crore, which is around 6% more of the BE for the year 2016-17. The funds are allocated to meet Salary requirements, operational revenue expenses, contractual commitments and some fresh modernization schemes. Additional requirement of funds as necessary will be projected depending on pace of utilization of allocation, progress of ongoing and new modernization schemes and priority requirements.

(c) & (d): The BE allocation to Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) for the financial year 2016-17 was ₹ 13,593.78 crores whereas for the financial year 2017-18 BE allocation is ₹ 14,818.74 crores. Additional requirement of funds for DRDO, if necessary, will be projected depending on pace of utilization of allocation and progress of ongoing and new schemes / projects. DRDO is managing within the budgetary allocation by re-prioritizing the project activities.
