

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3392

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH AUGUST, 2017

MODERNISATION OF ARMY'S SPECIAL FORCES

3392. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken a decision to fast-track some long-delayed modernisation of the Army's Special Forces to make them even more lethal and mobile for clandestine warfare and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether tenders have been issued to select arms companies for acquisition of new equipment and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has any intention to procure defence equipment from indigenous firms to boost the 'Make in India' initiative and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) & (b): Government is taking measures for modernization of the Indian Army, through procurement of new equipment and upgrading of existing equipment and systems. The modernization projects are being progressed as per the approved Capital Acquisition Plans and in terms of the extant Defence Procurement Procedures.

(c) Government is taking steps to promote indigenization and self-reliance in the defence sector. These measures include according priority and preference to procurement from Indian vendors and liberalization of the licensing regime.
