

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.375

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 2018

IMPORT OF WEAPONS

*375. SHRI VENKATESH BABU T.G.:

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

- (a) whether India has become the world's largest importer of weapons and military equipment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of weapons and military equipment imported during the last three years along with the value / cost thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

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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. 375 FOR ANSWER ON 21.3.2018

(a) to (c): No authoritative and official information on India being the largest importer of defence equipment is available as no country officially reveals information on the import of defence equipment. However, in the report published in February 2017 by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), India has been shown as the largest importer of defence equipment for the years 2012-16.

Capital procurement of defence equipment is undertaken from various domestic as well as foreign vendors, based on threat perception, operational challenges and technological changes and to keep the Armed Forces in a state of readiness to meet the entire spectrum of security challenges.

During the last three years, 96 contracts have been signed with Indian vendors and 58 contracts have been signed with foreign vendors for capital procurement of defence equipment for Armed Forces. The major Defence equipment imported include missiles, aircraft, artillery guns, radars, rockets, helicopters, weapons and simulators.
