

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2035
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH MARCH, 2018

SHORTAGE OF ANTI-TANK MISSILES

2035. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Army has sounded the alarm about its critical operational deficiency in the field of Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGMs), asking the Government for the emergency induction of at least some of these tank killers;
- (b) if so, whether the Army has an alarming shortage of around 68,000 ATGMs and 850 launchers of different types;
- (c) if so, whether the Army is worried with a shocking 60 per cent shortage in its authorised holding of ATGMs, the force has war wastage reserves (stockpiles held in reserve for war) as of now; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

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(a) to (d): Government constantly reviews the security scenario and, accordingly, decides to induct appropriate defence equipment / technology to keep the armed forces in a state of readiness and equipped with modern weapon / protection systems. In this direction, the deficiencies, if any, of critical ammunitions are also taken into consideration for taking appropriate steps to ensure desired level of operational preparedness commensurate to the threat perception in a dynamic strategic scenario.
