

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4367
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST MARCH, 2018

PROCUREMENT OF ARMS

4367. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI R. PARTHIPAN:
DR. P. VENUGOPAL:
SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- whether the Government / Defence Acquisition Council has approved various procurement proposals of arms and ammunition for the armed forces;
- if so, the details thereof and the names of armament likely to be procured and the estimated funds likely to be incurred on each armament;
- whether the said arms and ammunition are likely to be purchased within a fixed time limit and if so, the details thereof;
- whether the Government proposes to phase out the INSAS Rifles supplied to the armed forces with more modern weapons and if so, the details thereof; and
- whether the allocation of funds for Defence in the current budget makes India the world's fifth largest spender on arms and armed forces and if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) to (e): The Capital Procurement of Defence equipment including arms and ammunition is carried out as per extant Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP). During the last three years and current year (upto 31.01.2018), 192 contracts have been signed for capital procurement of defence equipment such as ammunition, artillery guns, ballistic helmets, missiles, helicopters, aircraft, tanks, radars and simulator for Armed Forces.

DPP provides the stipulated timelines for completion of procurement process. Government regularly monitors progress of ongoing procurement projects so as to ensure that these are concluded expeditiously.

Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) has been accorded by Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) on 16.1.2018 for procurement of 72,400 assault rifles under 'Fast Track procedure'.

The capital Budget and Expenditure for Armed Forces for the last three years are given below:-

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Revised Estimates	Expenditure
2014-15	66151.73	65862.38
2015-16	65400.00	62235.54
2016-17	62619.36	69280.17
