

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6151
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH APRIL, 2018

DEFENCE BUDGET

6151. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

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

- (a) whether the Army told Parliamentary Standing Committee (PSC) on Defence that the funds allocated to it in the Defence Budget for the next fiscal is insufficient to deal with various security challenges facing the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Army informed the panel that it had identified 25 projects under the Make in India initiative but there was not adequate budget to support them and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has allocated Rs.2.95 lakh crore for Military spending during 2018-19;
- (d) if so, whether there appears to be a mismatch between the operational needs of the Army and the funds allocated to it and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Army is likely to spend significantly more on pensions than on acquiring new weapons, platforms and if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether India's share of the defence budget as a ratio of the Total Central Government Expenditure for 2018-19 is 12.1%?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6151 FOR ANSWER ON 4.4.2018

(a) to (f): The requirement of funds is projected by the services/ Organizations under Ministry of Defence to the Ministry. Projections made by the Services, including Army, are forwarded to Ministry of Finance for consideration as it is the nodal Ministry for allocation of funds. Based on the allocations made to Ministry of Defence it is ensured that sufficient funds are available to meet the critical requirements of the Services.

The allocated funds are optimally and fully utilized towards operational activities. The schemes are also reprioritized to ensure that urgent and critical capabilities are acquired for operational preparedness. An amount of Rs. 2,95,511.41 crore has been allocated in Budget Estimate 2018-19 for Capital & Revenue expenditure. In addition Rs.1,08,853.30 crore is provided for Defence pensions. Defence Budget (including Pension) is thus 16.6% of Central Government Expenditure (CGE).
