

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2466
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1ST AUGUST, 2018

BUDGETARY ALLOCATION

2466. DR. THOKCHOM MEINYA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India's Defence budgetary allocation has been on the rise in the last few years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether allotted funds could not be utilized due to slow decision making and red-tapism;
- (d) if so, whether the Ministry has a pragmatic plan to expeditiously spend the allocated fund so that the defence forces do not suffer due to non expenditure on crucial areas like high value purchase etc.; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

रक्षा राज्य मंत्री

(डा. सुभाष भामरे)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2466 FOR ANSWER ON 1.8.2018

(a) & (b): Defence Budget (including Pension and Miscellaneous Budget) from Financial Year 2015-16 to 2018-19 are increasing as per table below:-

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Budget Estimates
2015-16	3,10,079.60
2016-17	3,40,921.98
2017-18	3,59,854.12
2018-19	4,04,364.71

(c) Details of allocations made and expenditure against the same for the last two fiscal in respect of Defence is tabulated below:-

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Budget Estimates	Expenditure
2016-17	3,40,921.98	3,51,660.60
2017-18	3,59,854.12	3,80,131.60

As per above table the total expenditure has exceeded allocations in the last two financial years.

(d) & (e): In view of (c) above, does not arise. However, the allocated budgetary resources are optimally utilized towards meeting the operational requirements of the Armed Forces. Depending upon the allocated resources, schemes are also reprioritized to ensure that urgent and critical capabilities are acquired without compromise of operational preparedness.
