

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2489
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1ST AUGUST, 2018

ALLOCATION TO THE SERVICES

2489. SHRI MALYADRI SRIRAM:

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

- (a) whether to ensure that the allocations to the Services, under the Capital Head, match their demands, the allocation needs to be suitably enhanced at the Revised Estimate stage;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2489 FOR ANSWER ON 1.8.2018

(a) to (c): In Budget Estimate 2017-18, allocations for Defence under Capital Head was Rs. 91,579.70 crore which was increased by Rs. 7,984.16 crore (8.72%) to Rs. 99,563.86 crore in Budget Estimate 2018-19. Significantly, the Capital allocation for Ministry of Defence in the current Fiscal is 33% of the total Central Government Expenditure on capital account and the total Defence Budget is 16.6% of the Central Government Expenditure.

The Defence Budget is a need based budget with dynamic allocation mechanism designed to meet both the specific and urgent requirements of the Armed Forces. Accordingly, the allocated funds are optimally and fully utilized towards operational activities and based on requirement, schemes are reprioritized to ensure that urgent and critical capabilities are acquired without any compromises to operational preparedness of the Defence Services.

Requirement of funds will accordingly be further assessed as the need arise based on pace of expenditure.
