

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.551

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2019

INDUCTION OF ARTILLERY GUN SYSTEMS

551. SHRI C. MAHENDRAN:

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

- (a) whether the Indian Army inducted three artillery gun systems recently after the Bofors artillery gun system procured from Sweden in early 1980s;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the new systems are fully imported or there is any plan to couple this with Make in India initiative;
- (d) if so, the details thereof in each gun system;
- (e) whether any of the gun systems are proposed to be developed indigenously; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(a) & (b): The Indian Army has recently inducted two gun systems (i)155mm/39 Calibre M777 A2 Ultra Light Howitzer and (ii)155mm/52 Calibre Tracked Self propelled (K-9 Vajra-T).

(c) & (d): 145 number of M777 A2 Ultra Light Howitzer guns are to be procured from USA. 25 guns are being imported in fully assembled state. Balance 120 guns are to be assembled, integrated and tested in India under the Make in India initiative.

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The 155mm/52 Calibre Tracked Self Propelled guns is to have 50% indigenous content in cost terms. Indigenisation process by the vendor, M/s Larsen and Toubro (L&T) entails amalgamation of private Indian industries in manufacture of various sub assemblies.

(e) & (f): Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) in August 2018 has approved procurement of 150 number of 155mm/52 Calibre Advanced Towed Artillery Gun Systems (ATAGS) under Buy-Indian (Indigenously Designed & Developed Manufactured) (IDDM) Category. These guns have been indigenously designed and developed by Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO). In addition, an indent has been placed with Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) in December 2017 for procurement of Electronically Upgraded 155mm/45 Calibre Dhanush Gun System.
