

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.784

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH JUNE, 2019

INCREASE IN DEFENCE BUDGET

784. SHRI JAYADEV GALLA:

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

- (a) whether a large percentage of weapons being used by Indian armed forces are obsolete and very less percentage of it are usable and modern;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the extent to which 83% of Defence Budget going for non-plan expenditure and pension is contributing to this situation;
- (c) whether the Ministry has demanded or proposes to demand for increase in the annual budget provisioning for procurement of modern weapons; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) to (d): Replacement of ageing and obsolete defence equipment is part of modernisation of Armed Forces which is a continuous process based on threat perception, operational challenges, technological changes and available resources. The process is based on a 15 year Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan(LTIPP), five year Service Capital Acquisition Plan (SCAP) and Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP).

Government attaches high priority to ensuring that the Armed Forces are adequately equipped and operationally prepared to deal the entire spectrum of security challenges facing the country. In this context, there is a constant endeavour to modernize the Armed Forces through acquisition of contemporary systems, development of new technologies and upgrading of conventional equipment.

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Allocated budget is optimally utilised to avoid gap between the need and the availability of funds. There has been consistent increase in total Capital Budget of Ministry of Defence. The details of Capital Budget (BE) for the last three years and current year are as under:

Year	Capital Budget (BE) (Rs. in crore)
2016-17	90,209.63
2017-18	91,579.70
2018-19	99,563.86
2019-20 (interim)	1,08,248.80
