

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1763**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

**MILITARY EXPENDITURE**

1763.SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the military expenditure as a percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has reduced over a period of time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the sufficient proportion on operations and maintenance of military equipment and development of defence infrastructure are not being spent;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of the funds allocated for modernisation and procurement/manufacturing of equipment during the last three years and the current year so far?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): Share of Defence Budget as a percentage of GDP from 2019-20 to 2022-23 (BE) is tabulated below: -

(Rs. in crore)

| Year            | Defence<br>Expenditure<br>(Gross) | GDP                            | Defence<br>Expenditure as<br>% of GDP |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2019-20(Actual) | 4,88,795                          | 203,51,013(1 <sup>st</sup> RE) | 2.40                                  |
| 2020-21(Actual) | 5,23,329                          | 197,45,670(PE)                 | 2.65                                  |
| 2021-22(RE)     | 5,35,508                          | 232,14,703(1 <sup>st</sup> AE) | 2.31                                  |
| 2022-23(BE)     | 5,55,484                          | 258,00,000                     | 2.15                                  |

Note: GDP figures from FY 2019-20 to 2021-22 are as per Economic Survey 2021-22 (Vol-2)- Table 1.6 –Components of GDP at Current Prices and for FY 2022-23 are from Budget at a Glance (2022-23)

2021-22 (RE) and 2022-23(BE) are as per Budget at a Glance (2022-23)

BE=Budget Estimates, RE=Revised Estimates,

PE=Provisional Estimates, AE=Advanced Estimates

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It is seen from above data that Defence Budget as a percentage of GDP may appear to be decreasing due to increasing trend in the growth of GDP. However, it is increasing in absolute terms, implying higher spending.

(c) & (d): The expenditure on operations, maintenance and Defence Infrastructure has been maintained optimally as per requirement of Services and availability of resources.

(e): The amount allocated for Capital Acquisition (Modernization), which includes capital procurement of equipment, for the last three years and current financial year is as under: -

(Rs. in crore)

| <b>Year</b> | <b>BE</b>   |
|-------------|-------------|
| 2019-20     | 80,959.08   |
| 2020-21     | 90,047.80   |
| 2021-22     | 1,11,463.21 |
| 2022-23     | 1,24,408.64 |

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