

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3668
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th March, 2021

DEFENCE PREPAREDNESS OF THE ARMED FORCES

3668. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to review the existing state of technology of defence preparedness of the country's Armed forces and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of the steps the Government proposes to undertake to meet the unforeseen situation/ contingencies across the border?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) The Capability Planning framework being implemented by the Ministry of Defence includes identification/acquisition of current and futuristic technologies including niche technologies and state of the art capabilities required by the three Services, apart from upgradation of existing/legacy systems.

Armed Forces continue to pro-actively embrace these emerging technologies in conjunction with Indian defence research organisations, academia and industries.

(b) The Indian Defence Forces are equipped, trained and organized to face the operational challenges and carry out their mandated task. Operational preparedness of the Armed Forces is reviewed from time to time based on the threat perception. Further, development of the combat capabilities of the Armed Forces to tackle the entire spectrum of security challenges is an ongoing process.

To meet the unforeseen situation/ contingencies across the border, Armed Forces have been granted Emergency Procurement powers with simplified procedures to facilitate quick procurements, thereby ensuring that critical capabilities of Armed Forces are maintained. Additionally, Armed Forces continue to acquire capabilities through routine Annual Acquisition process.

Greater thrust towards indigenization of defence acquisitions and Military Maintenance Repair and Overhaul (MRO) is being carried out.
