

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.701**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THURSDAY, 03rd December, 2015

ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES

701.SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) have become outdated or likely to become outdated soon in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Election Commission has asked the Government to sanction money for new EVMs to meet the projected requirement for use in future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE
(SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA)**

(a) and (b): The Election Commission has stated that 9,30,430 Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) would become outdated during the period 2015-16 to 2019-20.

(c) to (d): A proposal for purchase of 13,95,648 Ballot Units (BUs) and 9,30,432 Control Units (CUs) at an estimated cost of Rs. 5511.48 crore during 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 & 2018-19 has been received from the Election Commission. The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

ANNEXURE-A

(a) to (b): Yes, Madam. The ECI has already proposed to replace the pre-2006 EVMs in a phased manner as under which is under consideration of the Government:-

S. No.	Financial year	Pre-2006 EVMs which are to be phased out	
		Ballot Unit (BU)	Control unit (CU)
1.	2015-16	142631	142631
2.	2016-17	135481	135481
3.	2017-18	190592	190592
4.	2018-19	336045	336045
5.	2019-20	125681	125681
	TOTAL	930430	930430

(c) to (d): The Election Commission has requested to sanction the amount for new EVMs to meet the projected expenditure for use in future.

The expenditure in procurement of upgraded post-2006 EVMs to phase out the pre-2006 EVMs purchased from 2000 to 2005, and also for staggered purchase of VVPAT units by the year 2018, based on tentative price of Rs. 7867/-, Rs. 9605/- and Rs. 20347/- per Ballot Unit (BU), Control Unit (CU) and VVPAT unit respectively, will be as under:-

YEAR	ITEM	Qty.	Tentative Price	Total (Rs.)
2015-16	(i) Ballot Units	174000	7867 + Taxes	1611653288
	(ii) Control Units	174000	9605 + Taxes	1967704313
	(iii) VVPAT	58500	20347+ Taxes (as applicable)	1399174172
TOTAL				497,85,31,773

YEAR	ITEM	Qty.	Tentative Price	Total (Rs.)
2016-17	(i) Ballot Units	407216	7867 + Taxes	3765398416
	(ii) Control Units	252144	9605 + Taxes	2846206812
	(iii) VVPAT	422250	20347+ Taxes (as applicable)	10100463808
TOTAL				1671,20,69,036

YEAR	ITEM	Qty.	Tentative Price	Total (Rs.)
2017-18	(i) Ballot Units	407216	7867 + Taxes	3765398416
	(ii) Control Units	252144	9605 + Taxes	2846206812
	(iii) VVPAT	422250	20347+ Taxes (as applicable)	10100463808
	TOTAL			1671,20,69,036

YEAR	ITEM	Qty.	Tentative Price	Total (Rs.)
2018-19	(i) Ballot Units	407216	7867 + Taxes	3765398416
	(ii) Control Units	252144	9605 + Taxes	2846206812
	(iii) VVPAT	422250	20347+ Taxes (as applicable)	10100463808
	TOTAL			1671,20,69,036

YEAR	ITEM	Qty.	Tentative Price	Total (Rs.)
TOTAL	(i) Ballot Units	13,95,648	7867 + Taxes	3765398416
	(ii) Control Units	9,30,432	9605 + Taxes	2846206812
	(iii) VVPAT	13,25,250	20347+ Taxes (as applicable)	10100463808
	TOTAL			55,11,47,38,881
