GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.137 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH MARCH, 2016

DEFENCE EQUIPMENT

*137. SHRI MAHEISH GIRRI:

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

(a) the mechanism in place to identify the outdated defence / military equipment which may endanger the lives of soldiers in the Defence Forces;

(b) whether the Government is planning to replace such outdated defence equipment;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the funds required and made available for the purpose; and

(e) the steps taken to modernize Indian Defence and Military Weaponry, arms and ammunition?

<u>ANSWER</u>

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(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 137 FOR ANSWER ON 4.3.2016

Replacement of ageing and obsolete arms and equipment is part of modernization of the Armed Forces and is dealt with through proper maintenance, obsolescence management, upgrades and acquisition of new equipment. Modernization of the Armed Forces is a continuous process based on threat perception, operational challenges and technological changes to keep the Armed Forces in a state of readiness to meet the entire spectrum of security challenges. Government attaches the highest priority to ensuring that the Armed Forces are sufficiently equipped to meet any operational requirement. This is achieved through induction of new equipment and technological up-gradation of capabilities. Various systems in operation like fighter aircraft, helicopter, ships, submarines, tanks, guns etc. undergo periodic refits so that their capabilities are upgraded. The modernization of the Armed Forces are planned through the 15 year Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP), a five year Service-wise Capital Acquisition Plan (SCAP) and a two year roll-on Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP) and progressed as per provisions of Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP).

Details of funds allocated and expenditure on Capital acquisition during last three years is as under:

Year	BE	RE	Defence Expenditure
2012-13	66,032.24	57395.46	58,768.86
2013-14	73,444.59	66,406.41	66,850.30
2014-15	75,148.03	66,151.73	65,862.38
