

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1038
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 22ND JULY, 2016

PURCHASE OF ULTRA LIGHT HOWITZERS FROM US

1038. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:
SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:

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

- (a) whether the Government has finalized on purchasing Ultra Light Howitzers and Dhanush artillery guns from the US;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the expected timeline and estimated expenditure for procurement of these items;
- (c) whether the Defence Acquisition Council has cleared several proposals for acquisition of weapons, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Ordnance Factory at Kolkata is engaged in manufacturing Dhanush artillery guns indigenously, if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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(a) & (b): Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) has been accorded for the procurement of 155mm / 39 Calibre Ultra-Light Howitzers from USA under US Foreign Military Sales route at an approximate cost of USD 737 million. There is no proposal for purchasing 'Dhanush artillery guns' from the US.

(c) Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has accorded Acceptance of Necessity for 101 proposals of Capital acquisitions for defence services during the years 2014-15 and 2015-16.

(d) An indent has been placed on OFB Kolkata, for procurement of 155mm / 45 Calibre Dhanush Artillery Guns, at an approximate cost of Rs.1261.44 Crore.
