

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5248
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IMPORT/EXPORT OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of imports and exports of the defence equipments made by India during each of the last three years, country-wise and cost-wise; and

(b) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to promote the export of defence equipments?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b):A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION 5248 FOR 27.4.2000.

The year-wise and cost-wise details of imports and exports of Defence equipment during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Imports	Exports
1997-98	Rs.6,728 crores	Rs. 53.86 crores
1998-99	Rs.6,507 crores	Rs. 29.39 crores
1999-2000 (upto February 2000)	Rs.7,864 crores	Rs. 24.99 crores

2. The details of imports includes elements such as debt repayments, stage payments against contracts spanning several years, off-the-shelf purchases, technology commitments and advance payments under contractual obligations. It is not in public interest to give details of country-wise break up as this involves sensitive geo-political considerations.

3. The measures taken by the Ministry of Defence to promote the export of Defence equipment include policy and procedural liberalisation, seeking greater involvement of our missions abroad, intensification of interaction with foreign delegations and undertaking publicity measures. As a part of export promotion efforts, Ordnance Factory Boards/Defences Public Undertakings have been participating in selected Defence Exhibitions abroad independently and under composite India Pavilion. These Defence Industries are also major participants in international Defence Exhibitions organised in India by the Ministry of Defence such as Defence Expo and Aero India.