

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1855
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PURCHASE OF DIESEL ENGINES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether more than the requisite number of diesel engines for KRAZ vehicles were purchased in 1991 causing extra expenditure to the exchequer;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have looked into the matter and brought to the book the guilty officials; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) A total of 125 diesel engines for Kraz vehicles were last procured in 1991 as per laid down procedure. Some of the engines became surplus due to non-availability of spares from the Soviet Union and also because of shortage of repairable vehicles as the Kraz fleet was 20-25 years old. Further, it was found that repair/overhaul of some of these vehicles was not cost effective. However, since Kraz vehicles are still in service the available remaining engines are being effectively utilised progressively for maintenance purpose. Thus no extra expenditure to the exchequer is visualised.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.