

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UPGRADATION OF T-72 TANKS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made so far for upgradation of fleet of T-72 Tanks; and

(b) the fresh steps taken by the Government to include latest modern systems available around the World in the upgradation project of T-72 fleet?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Upgradation of defence equipment is a continuous process depending on available technology, threat perception and availability of funds. The fleet of T-72 Tanks is being upgraded and modernized to include the fitment of Thermal Imager Stand Alone System, advanced engines and installation of Auto Land Navigation System for Command and Control Tanks etc.