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WEAPONS AVAILABLE WITH ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the types of weapons available with the Army are in consonance with the current force structure and force levels;
- (b) if so, the measures taken to modernize the Army and to upgrade their weapon systems and to provide required number of weapons to them; and
- (c) the steps taken to equip the infantry man with superior light weight weapons and equipment?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Modernization of equipment with Army including infantry is planned through:
 - (i) Procurement of selected state of art equipment,
 - (ii) Indigenous development of required equipment by Defence Research & Development Organization, Ordnance Factory Board or Indian industries, and
 - (iii) Technological upgradation of existing equipment.
- (c) The requirement of modernized weapons and equipment for infantry has been catered for through 15 years Long Term Perspective Plan, 5 years Services Capital Acquisition Plan and Annual Acquisition Plan drawn in consonance with revised War Establishment.