

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ANTI TANK MISSILE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the anti tank INVAR missile on T-90 Tank has turned out to be a failure;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government so far to remove the flaws and shortcomings in the said missile; and
- (d) the time by which the said flaws and shortcomings are likely to be rectified?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) No, Sir. The Invar missile on T-90 tank is not a failure. However, the completely knocked down kits received for assembly have been found to be defective and failed in the proof firing tests conducted by the production agency.
- (b) Reasons for the failure could not be identified by the technical experts of the Original Equipment Manufacturer.
- (c) & (d): Government has raised the issue with the Russian Government during the Indo Russian Inter Governmental Committee meetings and Russian manufacturer has agreed to early replacement of defective kits.