

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:443
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2006
MODERNISATION OF ARMED FORCES
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any plan has been prepared to modernise Armed Forces with latest machines and equipment to enable them to meet security requirements of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the quantum of funds allocated for the same; and
- (c) the measures taken to ensure that the plan is implemented in letter and spirit?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) The Modernisation of Armed Forces is an on-going process and acquisition plans are prepared keeping in view the national security threat perceptions. Defence Services prepare a 15 year Long Term Perspective Plan to achieve the long term objectives. The 5 year Defence Plans flow from this Long Term Perspective Plan and the Annual Acquisition Plan is based on these 5 year Defence Plans.

(b) The quantum of funds allocated during the 10th Defence Plan (2002-2007) for the Modernisation of Armed Forces are as under:-

Year Funds Allocated (Rs. in Crores)

2002-2003	18882.09
2003-2004	18066.71
2004-2005	25840.05
2005-2006 (RE)	26933.41
2006-2007 (BE)	29990.83
Total:	119713.09

(c) The progress of Defence expenditure and the status of on-going new schemes included in the Acquisition Plan is regularly monitored and kept under constant review.