

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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OUTSOURCING OF RESEARCH FACILITIES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is planning for futuristic weapons system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to explore the possibility of outsourcing some of the research facilities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to protect the nation's security while outsourcing the research facilities?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b): Planning for futuristic weapon systems is an ongoing process. Plans are prepared in consonance with the perspective plans of the Armed Forces, which are in turn based on the threat perception as envisaged by the Armed Forces.
- (c) & (d): No formal study has been carried out though, outsourcing of research facilities in some form or the other has been already there.
- (e) Research work for strategic programmes and sensitive products is not outsourced in a form which may prove detrimental to nation's security.