

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MODERNISATION PLAN OF ARMY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Army has started focusing on a modernisation plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to implement the modernisation plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): Modernisation of the Army is an on-going process based on imperatives of national security, analysis of threat perception and response thereto. A holistic study for the modernization of the Army has been carried out based on prevailing and anticipated threats to the national security. This has been projected in the form of Army's Long Term Perspective Plan covering a period upto 31-3-2017, which forms the basis for Five Year Plans and Annual Acquisition Plans. Weapons and equipment for modernization of the Army are included in the Annual Acquisition Plans and procured strictly as per the procedure laid down in the Defence Procurement Procedure.