

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF T-90 MAIN BATTLE TANKS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government proposes to produce more T-90 main battle tanks for the Indian Army ;
- (b) If so, the details in this regard ;
- (c) The estimated cost of the project in comparison to import cost from Russia; and
- (d) The time by which these tanks are likely to be handed over to Army ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF (RAO INDERJIT SINGH) DEFENCE PRODUCTION

(a)to(d) : Yes, Sir. Heavy Vehicle Factory (HVF), Avadi has so far produced 181 tanks and supplied to Indian Army. India had signed a contract with Russia in 2001 for license production of 1000 T-90 tanks and an initial order of 300 tanks has been placed on HVF, Avadi. The supply to Army against this order will commence from the year 2007-2008.

While the T-90 tanks were procured directly from Russia at the cost of Rs.11.00 crore in 2001, the issue price of indigenous tanks for the current year is Rs.12.00 crore.