

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2580  
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2004  
STOCK OF SPARE PARTS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the spare parts worth crores of rupees are accumulated in defence warehouses;
- (b) if so, the details of such spare parts, their value and origin;
- (c) the amount derived out of the sale of these spare parts; and
- (d) the steps taken to ensure that the stock of spare parts is used first before ordering for fresh lots?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2580 FOR 16.12.2004

Spare parts worth crores of rupees are not accumulated in Defence Warehouses.

The spares for Main equipment is procured as per the manufacturers` recommended list of spares and the yardstick fixed by the specialist agencies of the Defence Services i.e. Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers and Director General Quality Assurance for each equipment. The quantity of spares stocked depends on the annual requirement for overhaul and normal maintenance. It also caters for contingencies such as war and special operations. The exact value of the spares in stock cannot be quantified as the position is continuously changing due to consumption. The origin of the spares is both indigenous and import.

These stocked spare parts are not for sale but for issue to the Defence Forces as per requirement.

To ensure that excess spares are not stocked, Annual Provision Reviews are carried out, where the wastage pattern is calculated and only such spares which are required during the year, are procured.