

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCUREMENT OF GUNS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bofors and Soltem artillery guns did not succeed in field trials;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any other alternative artillery guns are available in the international market to meet the requirements of the Army; and
- (d) the time by which the tender for the said purpose is likely to be invited?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): As per the trials conducted by the Army for procurement of towed guns, neither of the guns fielded by M/s BAE Systems and Soltem has succeeded. However, General Staff Evaluation based on the trials is underway.As and when the same is finalized, appropriate decision as per DPP 2006 would be taken in the matter. Other guns of same calibre are also available in the international market.Whether they meet our requirements, can only be confirmed after trial evaluation.No time frame can be indicated for future action.