

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF MISSILE FOR BATTLE TANK
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any missile for battle tank Arjun has recently been developed;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the said missile has been test fired; and
- (d) if so, the results thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has completed a feasibility study of integrating laser homing anti-tank missile `Lahat` with Main Battle Tank `Arjun` and first round of firings.
- (b) The `Lahat` missiles have been fired from the barrel of MBT Arjun tank. It is semi active having laser homing guidance.
- (c) Yes, Sir. It has been successfully test fired.
- (d) Firing demonstration to prove the concept of Lahat missile firing from the main gun of MBT Arjun has been successfully conducted in Mahajan Field Firing Ranges during January 2004.