

The budgetary allocations and total expenditure on defence purchases (Revenue and Capital) during the years 2007-08 to 2010-11 in respect of Indian Army are given below :

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Budget Estimates (BE)	Modified Appropriations (MA)	Total Expenditure
2007-08	7,974	7,909	7,204
2008-09	8,796	8,433	<del>7,939</del>
2009-10	10,068	8,229	<del>7,774</del>
2010-11	11,174	10,500	11,600

**Large scale import of defence hardware**

3147. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has expressed concerns over imports accounting for 70 per cent of the hardware in the inventory of the Indian armed forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite a vast industrial infrastructure, our country is still a long way from establishing ourselves as a major defence equipment manufacturing nation and heavily depend on imports;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to reduce the imbalance between domestic supplies and imports of defence equipments?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (d) Sir, Government constantly reviews the security scenario and accordingly decides to induct appropriate defence equipment/platforms. This is a continuous process undertaken through procurement from various indigenous as well as foreign sources to keep the armed forces in a state of readiness to meet any eventuality. Import dependence in respect of high technology and complex weapon systems and platforms continues to be high.

(e) There has been a major thrust on indigenous manufacture of Defence equipment through collaborative efforts of Defence Research & Development Organization, Defence Public Sector Undertakings, Ordnance Factory Board and Indian private sector. With a view to achieve greater self-reliance in Defence production, Government has announced a Defence Production Policy in January, 2011. Besides, the Government has included a new categorization 'Buy & Make (Indian)' in the Defence Procurement Procedure in November, 2009 to encourage indigenous production in the country. Transfer of technology is also sought to enable the manufacture of the equipment indigenously.

#### **Coast guard stations in Gujarat**

3148. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many Coast Guard stations in Gujarat are fully operational or partially working as on date;

(b) the details of difficulties being faced by Coast Guard stations in Gujarat that acts as obstacle for them for efficient working; and

(c) how many Coast Guard stations are proposed to be set up in Gujarat particularly in south Gujarat in next five years?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) At present, seven Coast Guard stations located at Gandhinagar, Porbandar, Okha, Jakhau, Vadinar, Mundra and Veraval are functioning in Gujarat. To have operational issues and resolving them is a continuous process.

(c) Government has already approved one additional Coast Guard station at Pipavav in Gujarat.

#### **Ragging in Sainik schools**

†3149. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the Sainik Schools in the country and whether the cases of ragging with the students studying therein have come into light;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.