

F-INSAS project

2603. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the F-INSAS project for the Indian Army, Rashtriya Rifles and Assam Rifles;
- (b) by when Government hopes to equip the Indian soldiers with all the modern capabilities so that they can face any threat; and
- (c) what will be the total cost of this project?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) to (c) Under the F-INSAS programme, the induction of weapons and equipment are being done in a phased manner and include personal weapon, protection and battle survivability equipment as also night enablement equipment.

Modernisation of the Armed Forces is a continuous process based on threat perception, operational challenges, technological changes and available resources. The process is based on 15 year Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan, five year Services Capital Acquisition Plan and Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP). Procurement of required equipment and weapon systems is carried out as per the AAP in accordance with the Defence Procurement Procedure. Disclosure of further information, which is sensitive and secret in nature, on the Floor of the House would not be in the interest of national security.

Under-utilisation of funds for modernisation projects

2604. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has been unable to utilise the capital funds budgeted for modernisation projects;
- (b) if so, the extent of the under-utilisation;
- (c) the reasons for the under-utilisation; and
- (d) the Ministry's plans to ensure that resources budgeted for modernisation are fully utilised in the future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) to (c) Details of the amount allocated and expenditure for modernization of the defence forces during the year 2014-15 is as follows: