

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.55
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th NOVEMBER, 2021

BUDGETARY ALLOCATION FOR DEFENCE

55 SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the budget allocated to defence as a percentage of GDP has reduced significantly for the current year; and
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SHRI AJAY BHATT

- (a) Gross Defence Budget (BE) as percentage of GDP for the last two years and current year are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Defence Budget (BE) [Gross]	GDP*	Defence Budget as percentage of GDP
2019-20	4,72,069.78	2,11,00,607.00	2.24
2020-21	5,14,796.69	2,24,89,420.00	2.29
2021-22	5,20,794.99	2,22,87,379.00	2.34

*Figures are as per Budget at a Glance of the Union Budget.

It may be seen from above that Defence Budget is consistently increasing in absolute terms as well as a percentage of GDP.

- (b) Does not arise.
