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)

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Defence Budget (BE) [Gross]</th>
<th>GDP*</th>
<th>Defence Budget as percentage of GDP</th>
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<td>2019-20</td>
<td>4,72,069.78</td>
<td>2,11,00,607.00</td>
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<td>2020-21</td>
<td>5,14,796.69</td>
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<td>5,20,794.99</td>
<td>2,22,87,379.00</td>
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*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.