

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.474
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20th November, 2019

PREPAREDNESS OF ARMED FORCES

474. SHRI RAVNEET SINGH BITTU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that the level of preparedness of the Indian Armed Forces is inadequate and if so, the details and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government is aware of CAG reports which say that there is not enough ammunition for a period of more than 10 days and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve this figure drastically and if so, the details thereof?

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(a) to (c): The Government regularly reviews the security scenario and takes appropriate measures from time to time to maintain/ upgrade the country's defence preparedness. The authorization and holding of ammunition is as per operational requirement of the Armed Forces and they are well equipped for meeting any emergent

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operational requirements. Procurement of weapons/ equipment and ammunition is carried out on a continuous basis as per the Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP) which in turn is part of the Service Capital Acquisition Plan (SCAP) of five years. The procurement process aims at keeping the Defence Forces in a state of readiness and remaining equipped with modern weapon systems. Mismatches between requirements and availability can sometimes occur which are continually addressed by the on-going procurement process.

Several measures have been taken to ensure adequate availability of ammunition. In addition, financial powers, to ensure the availability and maintenance of minimum levels of critical ammunition, have been delegated to Armed Forces to meet any emergent requirement and to enable them to maintain military preparedness at all times.
