Indian Army

Morale: All Regular

Independent Armoured Brigade (1980-)

HQ: 1-HQ Stand in **Brigade HQ Company: APC**

2-BLT T-72

Engineer Troop: bridgelayers

3-Tank Regiments, each with:

Battalion Headquarters: HQ: 1-HQ MBT

2-Jeep-MG Recon:

3-Tank Squadrons, each with: 3-MBT

1-BMP Battalion

HQ: 1-HQ Stand in **Battalion Headquarters:**

BMP

3-Mech Inf Companies, each 3-BMP Infantry

with: Combat Teams 1-81mm/120mm

Mortar Company: towed mortar

4-155mm towed 1-Artillery Battalion

howitzer

1-Brigade Recon Squadron: 3-BRDM-2 Armoured Division (1980-)

Division HQ HQ: 1-HQ Stand in APC Company:

Recon & Support

Battalion:

Battalion

HQ: 1-HQ Stand in APC Headquarters:

Tank Squadron: 3-MBT

3-BMP Infantry Combat **BMP Company:**

Teams

BRDM Company: 3-BRDM-2

Artillery Brigade:

3-Artillery

4-155mm towed Howitzers

Battalions, each with:

4-130mm M-46 towed 1-Artillery Battalion:

guns

Air Defence Group:

3-SA-6 Gainful or SA-8 SAM Regiment:

Gecko stands

5-ZSU-23-4 or 2S6 AA Regiment:

Tunguska stands

Engineer Regiment:

Battalion

HQ: 1-HQ Stand in truck Headquarters:

2-Engineer

3-Engineer Stands in Companies, each

with:

truck

1-Pontoon bridge on 1-Bridging Company:

1-Armoured Engineer

3-MBT with mineplow

Company:

3-Tank Brigades:

<u>Brigade</u> 1-HQ Stand in APC Headquarters:

Bridging Troop:

2-BLT T-72 bridgelayers

Divide up:-

6-Tank Regiments,

each with:

Battalion HQ: 1-HQ MBT Headquarters:

2-Jeep-MG Recon:

3-Tank Squadrons,

each with:

3-MBT

4-BMP Battalions, each with:

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<u>Battalion</u> Headquarters: 3-Mech Inf

Companies,

HQ: 1-HQ Stand in BMP

3-BMP Infantry Combat Teams

with: Mortar Company:

each

1-81mm/120mm towed

mortar

Notes:

- 1. India has three Armoured divisions, 1st, 31st, and 33rd, the last two raised since the 1971 war with Pakistan. Each division forms the core of a 'Strike Corps' along one or two RAPID divisions, one infantry division, one corps artillery brigade, one air defence brigade, one engineer brigade, one squadron of Mi-24/25 helicopters, and one SS-11/AT-4 Spigot equipped HAL Chetak helicopter unit.
- 2. In total India has eight independent armoured brigades. Each plains corps has an independent armoured brigade as a reserve force. The exception is XVI Corps (Nagrota, near Jammu). This corps has three independent armoured brigades for various operational reasons.
- 3. India has two independent mechanised brigades, 55th and 340th, the last raised in 2000. These are as the armoured brigades but with one tank regiment and two BMP battalions.
- 4. The Engineer Regiment organisation is purely speculative, I have no information on the real TO&E. Any help appreciated.
- 5. MBTs are T-55, Vijayanta (Vickers Mk1 variant), T-72M or after 2001 the T-90S.
- 6. India has both BMP-1s and BMP-2s.
- 7. Prior to 1980 the Indian Armoured Divisions were organised along British lines, with one armoured and one motorised brigade. Other troops included a reconnaissance squadron and an artillery brigade with two field and one medium regiments.
- 8. R&S Battalion is to be reorganised as armoured cavalry with four squadrons and a helicopter flight (5 helicopters).

Artillery Brigade

Reconnaissance &

Infantry Division	RAPID Division
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<u>Division HQ</u> Company:	HQ: 1-HQ Stand in truck	Division HQ Company:	HQ: 1-HQ Stand in truck
Engineer Battalion		Engineer Battalion	
Battalion Headquarters:		Battalion Headquarters:	HQ: 1-HQ Stand in truck
3-Field Companies, each with:	3-Engineer Stands in truck	3-Field Companies, each with:	3-Engineer Stands in truck
1-Field Park Company:	1-Pontoon bridge & truck	1-Field Park Company:	1-Pontoon bridge & truck

Artillery Brigade

Brigade Headquarters:	HQ: 1-HQ Stand in truck	Brigade Headquarters:	HQ: 1-HQ Stand in truck
1-Medium Regiment:	4-5.5" guns or 155mm towed Howitzers	1-Medium Regiment:	4-130mm guns or 155mm towed Howitzers
each with:	towed Howitzers	3-Field Regiments, each with:	4-105mmLG or 155mm towed Howitzers
1-Independent Light Battery:	3-120mm towed mortar	1-Independent Battery:	3-BM-21 MRL
•		1-AA Gun Batterv:	2-ZU-23 towed guns

1-Tank Regiment:

Battalion

Headquarters:	TIQ. I-TIQ MDT	Support Battalion:	
Recon:	2-Jeep-MG	Battalion Headquarters:	HQ: 1-BRDM-2U
3-Tank Squadrons, each with:		3-Reconnaissance Companies, each with:	1-BRDM-2 mounti AT-4/-5 or Milan 2

3-Infantry Brigades, each with:

Brigade Headquarters:	HQ: 1-HQ Stand in truck
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HO: 1-HO MRT

3-Infantry Battalions, each

with:

Battalion Headquarters:	HQ: 1-HQ Stand in truck
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1-Pioneer Stand

2-Tank Regiments, each

11-2 mounting or Milan 2 1-BRDM-2

1-120mm towed mortar

Attack Helicopter Flight: 2-Mi-24/25 Hinds 3-BRDM-2 mounting AT-4/-5 or Milan 2

1-Armoured Brigade:

1-Divisional AT

Company:

HQ: 1-HQ Stand in APC Brigade Headquarters:

2-BLT T-72 bridgelayers

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4-Infantry Companies, each 3-Infantry Stands

with:

AT Company: 2-Jeep-106mmRCL

Support Company:

1-81mm or 120mm towed

mortar

2-MMG Stands

Battalion Headquarters: HQ: 1-HQ MBT

Recon: 2-Jeep-MG

3-Tank Squadrons, each 3-MBT

with:

2-BMP Battalions, each with:

Battalion Headquarters: HQ: 1-HQ Stand in BMP

3-Mech Inf Companies, each with:

Teams

Mortar Company: 1-120mm towed mortar

2-Infantry Brigades,

each with:

Brigade Headquarters: HQ: 1-HQ Stand in truck

3-Infantry Battalions,

each with:

Battalion Headquarters: HQ: 1-HQ Stand in truck

1-Pioneer Stand

3-BMP Infantry Combat

4-Infantry Companies, each with:

3-Infantry Stands AT Company: 2-Jeep-106mmRCL 1-81mm or 120mm towed

Support Company:

mortar

2-MMG Stands

Notes:

1. The RAPID divisions are a result of army plan 2000 and were first organised in 1986. Four divisions were raised, one in each Strike Corps and one in X Corps. Essentially it is a somewhat more mobile and armoured infantry division.

 Infantry Battalions are being re-equipped with the Russian AGS-17 auto-GL as a support weapon after the Kargil experience.
Indian artillery has standardised on 155mm - more Bofors FH-77s are likely to be purchased and the Russian 130mm M-46 will be upgraded with an Israeli 155mm barrel.

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