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19.	Providing 66KV/11KV Electric sub-station with all equipment etc. at Kandla	15.74	12.7.94	Scheduled to be completed in July. 97.
20.	Replacement of victoria Dock Gate Entrance at Bombay Port.	8.98	7.10.94	Order placed in September. 1996.
21.	Replacement of tug "SIRI" by Vizag Port.	14.06	28.3.95	Likely to be completed in Jan. 97.
22.	Replacement of Sub-Marine pipelines by Bombay Port	165.15	28.3.95	Scheduled to be completed in Jan., 98.
23.	Procurement of 4 Nos. Wharf cranes by Kandla Port	21.20	29.3.95	Scheduled to be completed in April, 1998.
24.	Construction of Multi-storeyed Transit shed at Madras port by demolition of existing old sheds.	18.38	19.6.95	Likely to be completed in June, 98.
25.	Construction of multi-purpose cargo berth in the Outer Harbour at Vizag Port	37.70	15.1.96	Scheduled to be completed in Jan. 1999.
26.	Construction of 4th Oil Jetty at Kandla Port	25.12	18.2.96	Scheduled to be completed in February, 2000.

Supply of Defective Ammunition by Ordnance factories

1448. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Ordnance divisions supply defective ammunition", appearing in the *Indian Express* dated March 11, 1996;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N SOMU) : (a) to (c). A news item captioned "Ordnance Divisions supplying defective ammunition" has come to the notice of the Government. The news item is based on the observations contained in para 39 of the C and AG Report No. 8 of 1996 for the period ended 31 March, 1995.

2. Two versions of the ammunition in question were manufactured using primer 'Y' based on technology transfer from abroad. The initial lots of the primer 'Y' were manufactured in the presence, and direct supervision of the foreign technical experts and to their satisfaction. Primer lots 1 to 25 were used in 39,485 rounds of these two versions of the ammunition issued to the army, after successful proof testing of both the primer and the ammunition rounds.

3. Primer 'Y' from one of the lots which had also been successfully proof tested was used as a sub-system in the testing of a third version of the ammunition, which was under development indigenously, when an accident occurred. Investigations revealed that the accident was most probably due to an operation called "beading" not having been carried out in the manufacture of primer 'Y'. Arising out of this, "Beading" is being carried out in the manufacture of primer 'Y' from lot 26 onwards.

4. Out of 39,485 rounds of the first two versions of ammunition issued to the army, 11,108 rounds have already been used up. No problem has been reported. However, following the accident while testing the third version of the ammunition under indigenous development, the remaining 28,377 rounds of first two versions of the ammunition issued to the army which have the unbeaded primer 'Y' have been segregated. This has been done as a measure of abundant caution. Also, Rectification work involving replacement of the primer from these rounds has commenced.

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Introduction of Courses in Hindi in IGNOU

1449. KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to start Library