

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1273**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09<sup>th</sup> February, 2024

**NEXT GENERATION OFFSHORE PATROL VESSELS**

1273. DR. PON GAUTHAM SIGAMANI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed a contract for procurement of six next generation offshore patrol vessels for the Coast Guard;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Coast Guard proposes to replace many ageing vessels used for patrolling and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that such vessels are proposed to be equipped with multipurpose drones and AI capability; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Defence has signed a Contract with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. (MDL) Mumbai on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 for procurement of six Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPVs) for Indian Coast Guard (ICG) under the Buy (Indian – IDDM) category at a total cost of Rs.1614.89 Crore.
- (c): The ageing vessels are replaced on completion of their designed life and based on the analysis of hull/machinery conditions.
- (d) & (e): Multipurpose drones & AI are among the advanced equipment for the NGOPVs as per the contract. The equipment procurement is carried out by the contracted shipyard.

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