

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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RESCUE FACILITIES AT SUBMARINES
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the Submarines purchased by India lack rescue facilities;
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to remove those shortcomings taking into account the Russian Submarine disaster;
- (c) whether India has purchased some highly sophisticated Submarines from abroad; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): All Indian Navy submarines have the capability to allow escape of crew from about a depth of 120 meters, using escape suits. Submarines have rescue hatches, which are standard fit and are designed to mate with Deep Submergence Rescue Vessels (DSRVs)/diving bells. Indian Navy does not have a DSRV. Induction of DSRV together with its associated infrastructure is being progressed.

(c) & (d): Indian Navy has recently procured a submarine from Russia. It will not be in the interest of national security to divulge further details.