GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4650 ANSWERED ON:18.04.2001 TEST FIRING OF ANTI-SHIP MISSILE BY PAK MADHAVRAO SCINDIA

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether in the context of missile tests, including that of Agni-II, Pakistan has test-fired an anti-ship missile from a newly acquired French Submarine;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof;
- (c) whether the Pakistan missile test has added a new dimension to India's security concern; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

- (a) & (b): The available information indicates that Pakistan test fired SM-39 Missile at a de-commissioned Pakistani ship in March, 2001.
- (c) & (d): Necessary measures have been taken to meet the threat to the national security.