

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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UNDER WATER TELEPHONE

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an underwater telephone is under production by Keltrol, based on the indigenous design developed by the Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory;
- (b) if so, whether all major Indian Navy ships will be provided with these sets in a phased manner;
- (c) if so, whether any concrete action plan has been worked out by the Government in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which all major Indian Navy ships will be provided with these sets?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): The development of Under Water Telephone relates to operational information of the Navy and as such it would not be in the interest of National security to divulge it on the Floor of the House.