

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6620

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ARMS DEAL WITH US

A. VENKATESH NAIK;ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL;RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been invited to the newsitem captioned `India seals major arms deal with US` appearing in the `Hindu` dated April 19, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts thereof; and

(c) the time by which the contracted weapons are likely to be procured along with the terms and reference thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Government has taken a decision to acquire some Weapon Locating Radars from the US Government, and an agreement has been signed to that effect. The Radars will be acquired in due course.