

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF BRAHMOS MISSILE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Brahmos missile is likely to go into production during 2003;
- (b) if so, whether Brahmos anti-ship cruise missile is developed by India and Russia jointly;
- (c) whether the Brahmos is capable of destroying highly protected aircraft carriers and other heavily armed enemy ships;
- (d) if so, the total number of missiles to be produced during 2003;
- (e) whether any test of Brahmos missile has been conducted; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) Brahmos missile is likely to go into production by end of 2003.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) The number of missiles to be produced will depend on the requirement of our armed forces and export orders.
- (e) & (f): Brahmos missiles have been flight tested successfully on 12th June 2001 and 28th April 2002 respectively.