

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF SUBMARINES FROM FRANCE

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have struck a deal with France for purchasing Scorpene Submarines;
- (b) whether the rate quoted by the French producers are much higher than the estimated cost of the indigenous production proposed in the Project 75;
- (c) if so, the reasons for the above deal;
- (d) whether the Government propose to build Amur and Scorpene class submarines with the collaboration of Russia or France; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) No, Sir. There is no proposal for outright purchase of Scorpene submarines.
- (b) & (c): Project 75 envisages indigenous construction of the French designed submarine under transfer of technology and there is no quote for outright sale.
- (d) & (e): Government has approved a 30 year perspective plan for indigenous construction of submarines and acquisition of national competence in submarine building. Under the plan two types of submarines are planned to be constructed. Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai has been identified as the yard to construct French designed Scorpene submarines after necessary approvals. With regard to the proposal to build Amur submarines in collaboration with Russia, no decision has been taken.