

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of air to air missiles 'R- 73' imported sometime back have since become useless;
- (b) if so, the number thereof and the reasons therefor along with the expenditure incurred thereon;
- (c) the date on which these missiles were imported;
- (d) whether the Government have fixed responsibility after conducting an inquiry into this important matter;
- (e) if so, the details of action taken in this regard; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (f): Air Hqrs have procured R-73 Missiles during 1995-99 under different contracts. Approximate cost of procurement of R-73 Missiles is Rs. 340 crores in foreign exchange. The missiles were procured from Russia. The missiles are in serviceable / operational condition except a very insignificant number which are being attended to by the vendor under warranty clause. The procurement was done under warranty clause.