GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3324 ANSWERED ON:15.12.2005 INDUCTION OF BRAHMOS MISSILE Patel Shri Kishanbhai Vestabhai;Singh Shri Sugrib

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is facing difficulties in fixing Brahmos missile in its fighter aircraft as reported in Dainik Jagaran dated September 19, 2005;

(b) if so, whether the Government has consulted Russia in this regard;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to fix Brahmos missile in Indian Air Force fighter aircrafts?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) No, Sir. There is no fact in this.

(b) to (d): Indian and Russian scientists have jointly established the feasibility of integrating the BrahMos missile with Sukhoi Aircraft (SU-30MKI) for use by Indian Air Force. Air Force has approved the proposal and work is in progress.