

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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TESTING OF DHANUSH MISSILE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Dhanush Missile was tested successfully;
- (b) if so, the time by which the said missile is likely to be inducted; and
- (c) the time by which India is likely to become self reliant in deployment of indigenous missile?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Dhanush, the Naval variant of India's indigenously developed PRITHVI Missile has completed all development trials successfully.
- (b) Indian Navy has cleared the weaponisation of Dhanush Weapon System. Limited series production is in progress at M/s. Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad. Induction process of Dhanush Missile is also in progress.
- (c) India has acquired high degree of self-sufficiency in development and deployment of indigenous Missile Systems.