

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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CONVERSION OF INS VIKRANT INTO MUSEUM  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the final decision has been taken by the Government to convert INS Vikrant into a museum;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government so far to convert INS Vikrant into a museum;
- (c) if not, the reasons for delay in taking the decision to convert heritage warship into museum; and
- (d) the time by when the INS Vikrant is likely to be converted into museum?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): Vikrant was opened to the public as an in-house museum from December 2001 till February 2003. Thereafter, the ship has been docked at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, for repairs. Government of Maharashtra has in June, 2004 committed an investment of only Rs. 25 crore for infrastructure works to convert Vikrant into a museum. No final decision has been taken by the Government of India for additional financial support required for converting the ship into a museum.

(d) No definite time frame can be given for conversion of Vikrant into a museum.