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TESTING OF AGNI MISSILE

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Agni-I India's surface to surface missile, with a range of over 700 km, third in the Agni series, had been successfully testfired on July 4, 2004;
- (b) if so, the main features of this missile, and how far the test was successful;
- (c) the number of tests of Agni series missiles conducted so far;
- (d) whether it matches Pakistan's Ghauri missile;
- (e) if so, how it compares with Ghauri; and
- (f) time by which Agni-I missile is likely to be inducted?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Agni-I missile system has been flight tested on July 4, 2004.
- (b) Agni-I can carry one tonne payload and it can be launched from road/rail launcher. The flight test achieved all the mission objectives set for it.
- (c) In all five flight tests have been conducted on Agni-I and Agni-II missiles so far.
- (d) & (e): Agni-I meets the threat perception with its range capability and Agni-II has a longer range, more than Ghauri.
- (f) It is in production for induction in Army.