

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MISSILE PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the missile programme has put the Indian defence system in gaping holes as reported in The Times of India dated July 24, 2006;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (c) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): No, sir. The Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme was sanctioned to develop Prithvi, Agni (technology demonstrator), Trishul, Akash and Nag Missiles.

All the Missiles have since been developed. Prithvi-I for Army, and its variants P-II for Air Force, and Dhanush for Indian Navy have since been productionized. Agni, Technology Demonstrator project, has been successfully completed and A1 & A2, medium and intermediate range missiles derived from AGNI technologies are already under production.

Akash, Medium range surface-to-air missile, and Nag, Third Generation Anti-Tank Missile, are entering user trials phase and are expected to be inducted after that. Trishul, a short range surface-to-air Missile has also been developed as a technology demonstrator.