

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK ON TRISHUL

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether the Government has decided to stop research and development work on the indigenous ship defence missile Trishul as reported in the Hindu dated October 15, 2006 ;
- (b) If so, the facts thereof and reasons therefor ;
- (c) The number of tests conducted and the amount spent on developing the Trishul missile so far; and
- (d) The likely impact of stopping the research and development work on Trishul missile on the development of other missiles ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) So far, 82 number of flight tests have been conducted and Rs.275.40 crore have been spent on development of Trishul missile for all the three services and ground systems.
- (d) Does not arise.