

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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US 'THOUSAND SHIP NAVY PROGRAMME'
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Navy has shown interest in US 'Thousand Ship Navy (TSN) programme';
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether clearance has been given to this proposal of the Indian Navy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the time by which the clearance is likely to be accorded?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): The 'Thousand Ship Navy (TSN)' is a concept propounded by the Chief of Naval Operations of USA during a symposium held in September, 2005 in USA. The concept is about sharing of maritime domain awareness information by various maritime agencies world wide to make the seas safe for the use of all nations. Being a concept, the question of according clearance to it does not arise.