

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF BATTLE SHIPS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Navy has shortage of battle ships;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some steps have been taken to meet the shortage of battle ships ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ;
- (e) whether Russia has proposed to give battle ships to Indian Navy ;
- (f) if so, the details thereof ;
- (g) whether its strategic aspects have been analysed; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Warships are inducted in the Navy as replacement for de-commissioned platforms and for augmenting the strength of the Force. This is a continuous process based on the threat perception and international security environment according to which modernisation plans of the Navy are formulated.

(e)&(f) : Indian Navy is in the process of acquiring the aircraft carrier (ex-Admiral Gorshkov) and three stealth frigates from Russia.

(g)&(h) : Yes, Sir. A detailed exercise is undertaken to identify appropriate platform.