

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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CONSTRUCTION OF SCORPENE SUBMARINE

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

- (a) whether the construction of highly advanced Scorpene submarine has started ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the time by which the construction work is likely to be completed ;
- (d) whether Mazgaon Dock Limited (MDL) is the only shipyard to undertake construction of submarines in the country ;
- (e) if so, whether the capacity of this shipyard has been fully utilized for the last two decades; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): The construction of the Scorpene class submarine has started since December 2006. The first submarine is scheduled to be delivered in December 2012 and thereafter one each every year till December 2017.

(d) to (f): M/s Mazgaon Dock Ltd (MDL) is at present the only defence Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) in the country undertaking construction of submarines. The submarine production line at MDL remained under-utilized for some time till commencement of construction of the Scorpene submarines.