

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SNAG IN MISSILE WEAPONS SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether during the acceptance trials, the Russian built Krivak-III class frigate, INS Talwar developed snag in the Shtil-1 surface-to-air missile weapons system;
- (b) if so, whether Naval Commander refused to approve a faulty weapons system in Russia;
- (c) if so, whether the delivery of warship was delayed over a year;
- (d) if so, whether the Russia has paid the penalty for delays specified in the contract;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f): The delivery of the first frigate, INS Talwar, was delayed on account of unsatisfactory performance of surface-to-air missile weapon system. It was delivered 13 months after the original delivery date. Negotiations are in progress for assessing the Liquidated Damages as provided in the contract.