

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF UAVs AND UUVs  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether India has developed its own unmanned defence systems like UAVs (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) and UUVs (Unmanned Underwater Vehicles) to save the lives of troops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the time by which these systems are likely to be developed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes, Sir. DRDO has developed two types of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles – Lakshya & Nishant. Development of underwater autonomous vehicle has not been undertaken.
- (b) The reusable Unmanned Aerial Target Vehicle `Lakshya is used for training gun and missile crew. It has been developed. Tactical UAV `Nishant` used for battlefield reconnaissance and target acquisition has been developed by DRDO.
- (c) Development work on underwater autonomous vehicles is planned to be undertaken by March 2005.