

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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AIRCRAFT CARRIER ADMIRAL GORSHKOV
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Russia has demanded an additional amount for the modernization and refit of the decommissioned aircraft carrier Admiral Gorshkov;
- (b) if so, whether an expert team visited Russia to settle the issue of additional demand;
- (c) if so, the result achieved in this regard; and
- (d) the time by which the final deal is likely to take place?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The expert team discussed matters regarding additional works projected by the Russian side.
- (c) The process of examination of the scope and necessity for additional works has been initiated.
- (d) It is not feasible to specify a time limit in this respect.