

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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TEST OF BRAHMOS MISSILE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether trial of Brahmos missile was held in the month of March, 2008;
- (b) if so, whether the government has assessed its impact on environment;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether several countries have shown their interest in procurement of the missile; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): In order to prove an additional capability of the BrahMos missile from ship to land target, a flight was carried out. The mission was executed with high precision, taking care of ecology and environmental protection. The mission proved the perfection of the missile. There was no damage to the ecology & environment.

(d) & (e): There are countries showing interest on the product. Both the Indian and Russian governments will have to take joint decision on the countries to whom the missile could be exported.