

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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BLAST IN SUBMARINE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a blast has reportedly taken place in a submarine at Vishakhapatnam recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of people dead/injured in the incident and the financial loss incurred therein;
- (d) the investigation conducted and outcome thereof;
- (e) whether efforts were made to protect the submarine from further damages and to save the life of people in the submarine; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): On the 26th February, 2010, a blast occurred in one of the battery pits of the Indian Navy submarine, INS Sindhurakshak, when the vessel was alongside Visakhapatnam harbour. The accident resulted in the demise of one Naval personnel, who was inside the submarine. However, efforts were made by the crew to protect the submarine and its crew from further damage. A Board of Inquiry has been constituted by the Indian Navy to investigate into the circumstances leading to the blast.