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MODIFICATION OF BRAHMOS MISSILE

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to modify or test different versions of the Brahmos missile to be used by the three services of the Armed Forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the vertical launch of the Missile conducted recently has been successful;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the parts of the missile are also being manufactured in the Kerala Hitech Industries of Thiruvananthapuram; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of the infrastructure so far developed there?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile has been developed initially as Anti-ship version for launch from ship-to-ship for the Indian Navy and inducted into Service. Later, land-to-land version has been developed for the Indian Army and Air Force. This version has been inducted into the Army and is under production for Army and Air Force. Test has also been carried out from ship-to-land target. Coastal battery from Mobile Complex on land-to-ship is also available for the Indian Navy. BrahMos Missile is ready for launch from underwater platform to enable it to be used in submarines. Air-version of the Missile is also being developed for SU-30 MK-I for Indian Air Force, to be ready in 2012.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The missile proved yet another capability to be launched vertically from a naval warship and maneuvered to hit the target ship, thereby meeting the Navy's requirement.

(e) & (f): Some parts of the missile components and the air borne launcher are currently being produced in Thiruvananthapuram complex of BrahMos Aerospace. It is planned to set up the integration complex in the adjacent land belongs to IAF, so that the manufacturing of the missile can be from the Thiruvananthapuram complex. DRDO has provided Rs 50 Cr, as the first installment for the facility realisation.