GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4995 ANSWERED ON:26.04.2010 STRENGTH OF SUBMARINES Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash;Shanavas Shri M. I.

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the fleet strength of submarines available with Navy;
- (b) whether submarine development project of second generation namely Project 75 India for Navy is delayed;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has entered into agreement with foreign countries for procurement of submarines; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4995 FOR ANSWER ON 26.4.2010

Government constantly reviews the security environment and accordingly decides induction of appropriate equipment including submarines for Navy. This is a continuous process undertaken for the modernization of Armed Forces to keep them in a state of readiness to meet any eventuality. Acceptance of Necessity for the construction of additional submarines under Project-75 (India) has been accorded. The proposal is being progressed. A programme for construction of six submarines is currently underway at M/s. Mazagon Docks Limited. In addition, efforts are made to maintain force-level by upgrading/modernizing the existing assets.

Government has not entered into agreement with foreign countries for procurement of submarines in the recent past.