

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2177  
ANSWERED ON:20.07.2009  
CONSTRUCTION OF SCORPENE SUBMARINES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the construction of Scorpene submarines at Mazagon Docks Limited in Mumbai is running behind the schedule;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of time and cost overrun of the Project;
- (d) the resultant likely impact on the underwater combat capabilities of Indian Navy;
- (e) the original time schedule for the delivery of the first scorpene submarine; and
- (f) the revised time schedule for delivery of all the submarines to Navy?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2177 FOR ANSWER ON 20.7.2009

Construction on the first, second and third submarine commenced in December 2006, December 2007 and August 2008 respectively. As per the contract signed with Mazagaon Docks Limited (MDL), first submarine is scheduled to be delivered in December 2012 and thereafter, one each every year till December 2017. On account of some teething problems, absorption of technology and delays in augmentation of industrial infrastructure and procurement of MDL purchased materials (MPM), slippage in the delivery schedule is expected. Delay in scheduled delivery of submarines is likely to have an impact on the envisaged submarine force levels.