

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4144

ANSWERED ON:03.08.2009

INDUCTION OF INS AIRAVAT

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the indigenously-built INS Airavat LST (L) has been inducted in the Indian Navy recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including its salient features;
- (c) the extent to which Indian Navy has been strengthened after the induction of Airavat; and
- (d) the expenditure incurred in manufacturing the Airavat against the estimated cost at the time of placing order to the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd.?

**Answer**

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4144 FOR ANSWER ON 3.8.2009

INS Airavat was commissioned in the Navy in May 2009. The ship is a versatile platform capable of carrying troops, combat vehicles, equipment and armament for amphibious operations. It also acts as a hospital ship during operational and peace missions. Its length is about 125 meters with an approximate displacement of 5600 tonnes. The induction of the ship has enhanced the Navy's sea-lift/amphibious warfare capability. The ship has also strengthened the Navy's ability to provide guard/support to our island territories, undertake humanitarian aid and disaster relief. The order for the ship was on a firm and fixed price basis at Rs.379.70 crores excluding the cost of Base & Depot spares and modifications. The contract was accordingly concluded with M/s Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited, Kolkata and the shipyard claimed the cost of the ship on delivery.