

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4354
ANSWERED ON:06.12.2010
SUBMARINE FLEET
Kumar Shri P.

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of submarines available with Indian Navy at present;
- (b) the number of operational submarines at present;
- (c) whether the Navy is facing shortage of submarines;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the efforts being made by the Government to increase the submarine fleet?

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. 4354 FOR ANSWER ON 6.12.2010

Government constantly reviews the security environment and accordingly decides about induction of appropriate defence equipment/platforms including submarines for the 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. To increase the submarine fleet, a programme for construction of six submarines is currently underway at M/s Mazagon Docks Limited under Project-75. Further, Acceptance of Necessity for the construction of additional submarines has been accorded under Project-75 (India). The proposal is being progressed. In addition, efforts are made to maintain force-level by upgrading/modernizing the existing assets.