

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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TEST FIRING OF PINAKA  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the indigenously developed multi-barrel rocket launcher Pinaka capable of launching several rockets at a time has recently been test fired from Integrated Test Range at Chandipur;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the same is likely to be inducted; and
- (d) the extent to which the capability of the forces is likely to be increased?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Multi Barrel Rocket Launcher (PINAKA) was test fired during 28-29 March 2012 at ITR, Chandipur. Ten Rockets were fired. Objective of the trial was testing of fuze system. PINAKA weapon system developed by DRDO has already been inducted into Service. Two PINAKA Regiments have been raised.

(d) The system can enhance the strike capability of the forces up to 38 km. Pinaka weapon system is an all weather, indirect fire, free fight Artillery rocket capable of engaging enemy up to a range 38 km. It can neutralize an area of 1000x800m in a short period of time with salvo firing. The weapon system has short reaction time to call for fire and also has excellent shoot & scoot capability. The Pinaka weapon system can be used as an effective area weapon.