

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:653  
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TEST OF AKASH MISSILE  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully conducted twin tests of nuclear capable Akash Missile from the Interim Test range located at Chandipur in Balasore district of Odisha; and

(b) if so, the details and objectives thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Akash, Medium Range Surface-to-Air Missile System, is not a nuclear capable missile system. Two Akash Missiles were flight tested successfully on 1st June 2012 from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur in Balasore district of Odisha. These tests were conducted using production lot to validate the hardware and software of Ground Systems.