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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction schedule of 40,000 tonne indigenous aircraft carrier, being built at Cochin Shipyard, has slipped another three years behind the already revised timelines; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Yes, Madam. There has been a slippage in the construction schedule of the indigenous aircraft carrier (approximately 37,500 Metric Tons displacement) being built at Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi.

(b) The complexity of the project and this being the first ship of its kind being built in India has led to timelines being extended. As per the Phase-I Contract concluded with M/s. Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi, the first launch of the ship was envisaged in October, 2010. However, due to delays in receipt of steel plates and pre-launch equipment like diesel alternators and gearboxes, the launch of the ship is now expected in 2013. Delivery of the ship is presently envisaged in 2018.