

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF SUBMARINES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed any agreements with foreign countries regarding procurement of submarines equipped with state-of-the-art technologies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the names of the countries with which the said agreements have been signed;
- (c) whether there is a shortfall in submarine fleet of Navy; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the number of new submarines proposed to be inducted in the fleet of submarines of Navy in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Madam, the Government has concluded a contract in October, 2005 with M/s Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL), Mumbai for construction of six Scorpene class submarines under Project-75. MDL is constructing these submarines under Transfer of Technology (ToT) for which it has concluded contract with M/s DCNS, France.

(c) & (d): The existing submarine fleet is being constantly upgraded with modern weapons and sensors to ensure that the combat capacity of the country remains at the desired level. Government has approved the submarine programme to adequately augment submarine fleet of the Navy.