

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1111
ANSWERED ON:13.07.2009
PROCUREMENT OF AIRCRAFT CARRIER ADMIRAL GORSHKOV
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has agreed to pay the additional cost for the procurement of Aircraft Carrier Admiral Gorshkov from Russia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the amount the Government has agreed to pay now vis-à-vis the original cost negotiated in the beginning; and
- (c) the problems regarding procurement of other equipment, including T-90 tanks from Russia?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1111 FOR ANSWER ON 13-07-2009

The Russian side had submitted a revised Master Schedule indicating delay and increase in prices for repair and re-equipping of aircraft carrier ex-Admiral Gorshkov. The Government have agreed to conduct negotiations for finalizing a revised Repair and Re-equipping Contract. The technical verification of additional work was undertaken by the Indian Navy. The Russian side has been invited for price negotiations and the details of the final prices would be known only after completion of these negotiations.

Various unforeseen problems sometimes arise in the procurement of defence equipment irrespective of their source of acquisition. Such problems are resolved bilaterally at appropriate levels. Till date two contracts have been signed with Russia for acquisition of T-90 tanks. The delivery has so far been on schedule.