

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:391
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2013
BUILDING OF NAVAL WARSHIPS
Chavan Shri Harischandra Deoram

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the existing fleet of vessels with Indian Navy is not sufficient to meet the defence requirements;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is planning to build naval warships and submarines in collaboration with Russia and other countries; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the other steps being taken to meet the requirements of the Indian Navy?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 391 FOR ANSWER ON 22.4.2013

(a) & (b): The Indian Navy operates a balanced force capable of blue water operations in the Indian Ocean Region and beyond. Towards that end, the present force levels are being further augmented for undertaking tasks defined for the Indian Navy, including the challenges of piracy in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and the responsibility of coastal security. Collaboration in specific areas on building of Naval platforms with friendly countries including Russia is an ongoing process.

(c) The modernization programme is being pursued in accordance with the long term Maritime Capability Perspective Plan, five year Capital Acquisition Plan, Annual Acquisition Plan and the required infrastructure upgradation.