

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDUCTION OF BRAHMOS MISSILE

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the induction plan of various versions of Brahmos supersonic cruise missile into the armed forces, service-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the various versions of the missile;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the funds likely to be spent for the purpose; and
- (d) the extent to which it is likely to enhance striking capability of the armed forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile with multi-mission capabilities is unique in the world. The system has been inducted in two regiments of the Indian Army and eight warships of the Indian Navy. Air version of BrahMos Missile is currently in developmental stage.

(b) & (c): There is considerable potential for enhancement of capabilities in different versions in terms of speed and accuracy. An upgraded version called 'Block-III' has recently been demonstrated to Army for mountain operations with steep-dive capability.

Development of all versions is being undertaken by India-Russia joint venture with US \$ 300 million share capital and the Indian contribution has been 50.5%.

(d) BrahMos is a force multiplier and is a very important component of the striking capabilities of our Armed Forces, against land and sea targets.