

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3865
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2009
JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF MISSILES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of missiles developed in joint venture with Israel;
- (b) the total project cost of each of them specifying their appropriate deployment in the three forces;
- (c) the number of contracts signed after competitive international tender; and
- (d) the extent to which these missiles are cheaper in cost and better in quality as compared to other missiles of the world?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3865 FOR ANSWER ON 14.12.2009

Procurement of defence items including missiles is made from various indigenous as well as foreign sources including Israel in accordance with the well laid down defence procurement procedure. This is a continuous process undertaken for the modernization of the Armed Forces to keep them in a state of readiness to meet any eventuality.

Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) has undertaken joint development of missiles, Long Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LRSAM) for Indian navy and Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) for Indian Air Force with M/s Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI), Israel. The cost of project for LRSAM is Rs. 2606.02 crore and cost of project for MRSAM is Rs. 10075 crore.

Both the missiles being developed are comparable in performance and cost to missiles available in their class in the world market.