

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:130

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INS VIKRAMADITYA .

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the delivery of the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya from Russia has been delayed;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it is true that three of the eight engines in the craft failed when tested at maximum speed;
- (d) if so, the time when the replacements would be made indicating the revised date of delivery;
- (e) whether the Government is aware of the reports that suggest that Russia is buying its defence equipment from other countries because of the poor quality of its own defence industry; and
- (f) if so, whether the Government is rethinking on its purchases and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) During the sea trials from June to September 2012, the process could not be completed due to defects encountered in the boiler furnace brickwork.
- (c) No, Madam. Defects were encountered only in the boiler furnace brickwork at higher speeds.
- (d) All boiler furnace brickwork which had developed defects, have now been replaced. The ship is likely to be delivered in the last quarter of 2013.
- (e) This ministry has no authentic information in this regard.
- (f) Does not arise.