

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUBMARINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of submarines proposed to be constructed under the Project 75;
- (b) whether the number of operational diesel- electric submarines is very less in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government of Japan and other countries have shown interest in the construction of submarines / stealth submarines in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the shipyards identified for building submarines and the cost involved therein;
- (d) whether the Government has constituted a panel to assess the capabilities of country's shipyards for building six next generation submarines in partnership with a foreign firm and if so, the details thereof and time by which report is likely to be submitted by the panel;
- (e) whether the Government has decided to procure submarines from Japan and if so, the details thereof along with the amount of money allocated for the purpose; and
- (f) the time by which such submarines are likely to be built and made operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

- (a) Six Scorpene Submarines are currently under construction under Project 75 at M/s Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai in collaboration with M/s DCNS, France.
- (b) At present the number of conventional diesel electric submarines in Indian Navy is less than the numbers envisaged as per Naval Perspective Plan, partly due to delays in indigenous construction of submarines.
- (c) to (f): No proposal has been received from the Government of Japan for construction of submarines. Defence Acquisition Council has constituted a Core Committee in December 2014 to identify suitable Indian shipyards for construction of submarines indigenously, is required to submit its report within three months.