

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3988
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DE -COMMISSIONING OF INS VIRAAT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to de-commission the INS-Viraat; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) The decision of de-commissioning is taken based on designed service life, material state of the ship and the state of onboard machinery etc. The ship is scheduled for de-commissioning in 2016 based on above mentioned criteria.