GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4008
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2015
CONSTURCTION OF NAVAL VESSELS
Arunmozhithevan Shri A.;Kushawaha Shri Ravindra;Singh Shri Uday Pratap

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has incurred losses due to inordinate delay in the construction and commissioning of various naval vessels including warships and submarines;

(b) if so, the project-wise details thereof along with the reasons for the delay;

(c) whether sea trials / test of the indigenous nuclear submarine has not been conducted so far;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for completing these projects at the earliest?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. However, there have been occasions when naval vessels construction projects of Indian Navy have got delayed due to various reasons, including unavailability of warship grade steel, delay in design finalization, delay in receipt of critical equipment / technology, infrastructural constraints of the shipyards and delay in development of indigenized equipments / weapons.

(c) & (d): Sea trials are already been conducted.

(e) The progress of projects is monitored at various levels at Naval Headquarters (NHQ) & Ministry of Defence (MoD). Naval Warship overseeing Teams are positioned at the shipyards to constantly liaise with the shipyard to expedite resolution of issues. Outstanding issues are addressed during Progress Review Meetings at NHQ and major issues pertaining to progress / delays in projects, if any, are addressed during the Apex Committee Meetings at Ministry of Defence. Further, Ministry also undertakes modernization of Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) in terms of infrastructure to enhance productivity from time to time and on as required basis. In addition, various contractual provisions including milestone based payments, penalty for delays etc. are built into the contracts to minimize delays.