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Aircraft Carrier

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a Joint Working Group on Aircraft Carrier Technology Cooperation (JWGACTC) of India and US Met in India recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the terms and reference for the JWGACTC;
- (c) whether the US is unwilling to offer help to India in nuclear propulsion technology for the proposed construction of its largest ever warship; and
- (d) the amount of seed money sanctioned for this purpose along with the time by which the warship is likely to join the fleet of Navy?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Joint Working Group's concluding session was held in New Delhi on 18th February 2016. The purpose of the JWGACTC is to provide a forum for exchange of unclassified information regarding aircraft carriers and allows JWGACTC to facilitate identification of mutually beneficial research, development, test or evaluation activities in support of aircraft carrier technology solutions.

(c) Indian Navy has not sought such assistance from the US side.

(d) The proposal for construction of the next Indigenous Aircraft Carrier is at preliminary stage and Rs.2 Crore have been sanctioned for conducting feasibility studies.
