

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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Decommissioning of INS Viraat

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government proposes to decommission Indian Naval Ship, Viraat, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Union Government has invited proposals from various coastal States for its future use viz. tourism, museum etc., if so, the details thereof and the action so far taken by the Union Government thereon;
- (c) whether the Union Government proposes to strengthen the coastal security of the country with the support of a French company, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government has taken up the matter with various stakeholders, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the response of such stakeholders received by the Union Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): INS Viraat is planned to be decommissioned by end of 2016. All coastal State Governments have been requested to convey their firm commitment for preserving Aircraft Carrier INS Viraat and converting into 'Aircraft Carrier Museum' post decommissioning. Some of these States have responded and requested for further information / clarification.

(c) There is no proposal to strengthen coastal security of the country with the support of French company.

(d) & (e): In view of reply to (c) above, do not arise.

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