

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:347
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2014
INDIGENOUS AIRCRAFT CARRIER
Mohan Shri P. C.

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has launched its first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant from the Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including its key features along with the funds utilized for the purpose;
- (c) whether the Aircraft Carrier has been commissioned in the Indian Navy;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether CSL has been entrusted with the task of constructing another Aircraft Carrier which can fly fourth generation aircraft from its deck and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 347 FOR ANSWER ON 1.8.2014

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The 37000 tonne indigenous aircraft carrier was launched on 12th August 2013 from Cochin Shipyard Ltd. Till date about Rs. 3912 Crores have been utilized. The ship is expected to be commissioned by 2018.

(c) & (d): No, Madam. The balance construction of the ship is to be undertaken in two more phases, which include balance works, trials etc.

(e) No, Madam.