

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ASTRA AND AKASH MISSILES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has successfully test-fired Astra and Akash missiles;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to export Akash missile to other countries; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Three air launch trials of beyond visual range air-to-air missile system, Astra were successfully conducted from Su-30 Mk-I aircraft during May-June 2014. Missile control, guidance, long range capability and safe separation of missile from the aircraft have been demonstrated successfully.

So far, 10 numbers of Akash, a medium range surface-to-air missile system have been successfully tested by the Army and Air Force during 2014. The tests were conducted in different target engagement configurations using production batch equipment and missiles.

(c) At present, there is no such proposal to export Akash Missile System. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has been mandated to develop state-of-the-art missile for the use of our Armed Forces. Production agencies are involved in production and delivery of Missile to Armed Forces as per their requirements.

(d) In view of answer given at (c), Question does not arise.