

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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NAVAL WARSHIPS AND SUBMARINES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether various naval warships and submarines of the country are very old and prone to accidents;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to upgrade all the aging warships and submarines and also acquire new ones;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (e) the time by which new warships and submarines are likely to be acquired?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b): The service life of a ship / submarine varies between 25 to 30 years depending on the class, type and size of platform. Various factors govern the operation of ships / submarines beyond their life span such as force level requirements, utility of the platform, planned replacements of ships / submarines and their induction schedule, status of hull machinery, weapons, sensors as well as equipment and material upgrades and life extension undertaken.

(c) to (e): Upgradation of in-service ships and submarines is undertaken towards enhancing operational / combat capability of these platforms. These are planned during the Medium / Normal Refits of the ships / submarines. Further, ships / submarines are replaced on completion of their planned service life through new inductions. Currently 44 ships and submarines are under construction at various Indian shipyards which are likely to be inducted into the Indian Navy in the XII th, XIII th and XIV th Plan periods.