

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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INS KOLKATA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has commissioned INS Kolkata and also inducted anti- submarine warship, Kamorta;
- (b) if so, the details, features and capabilities thereof;
- (c) whether it is proposed to commission INS Kochi and Chennai in the near future;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which these are likely to be commissioned; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to improve our defence preparedness and to meet the challenges being faced by the Indian Navy?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Both INS Kolkata and INS Kamorta have been commissioned into the Indian Navy in August 2014. INS Kolkata, a Guided Missile Destroyer with an array of Gunnery and Anti Submarine Warfare (ASW) Weapons, is the largest warship built indigenously.

The ship is fitted with medium range and short range guns, anti Air and Surface missiles, air and surface surveillance radar as well as bow mounted sonar. Modern navigation and communication systems have also been installed onboard the ship. INS Kamorta, another indigenously built ship, is an ASW Corvette with an array of Gunnery weapons, sensors and bow mounted sonar. The ship also has a wide array of modern communication systems.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The ships are at an advanced stage of construction and are slated to be commissioned in 2015.

(e) Assessment and evaluation of defence preparedness is a dynamic process, keeping in view strategic and geopolitical environment. Government takes all necessary measures to maintain operational preparedness of the forces. Indian Navy maintains efficacy of standard offensive and defensive procedures. Modernisation of Indian Navy is in accordance with the Maritime Capability Perspective Plan (MCP 2012-2027).