

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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MINE COUNTER MEASURE VESSELS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Mine Counter Measure Vessels (MCMVs) are deployed to detect, tract and destroy mines laid by enemy forces to choke harbours and spread mayhem;
- (b) if so, whether there is shortage of MCMVs in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the process for acquiring two MCMVs has been started in 2005 but could not be materialised so far and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken / proposed to be taken to acquire and manufacture such MCMVs without any delay?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. Assessment of defence preparedness is a dynamic process, keeping in view threat perception. Government takes all necessary measures to maintain operational preparedness of the forces, in accordance with the Maritime Capability Perspective Plan (MCP 2012-2027).