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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether naval vessels and Coast Guards are fully equipped with modern warfare equipment / techniques to defend the country from any sudden eventuality;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Defence Shipyards on both east and west coasts have embarked upon expansion and modernization plan and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Defence Shipyards are able to meet the increasing demands of the Indian Navy and Coast Guards and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken for modernization of Naval Vessels and Coast Guards along with the budgetary allocation for Research and Development activities in the Defence Shipyards for on-going and proposed systematized and modernization plans?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

- (a) & (b): Naval and Coast Guard ships are fitted with appropriate weaponry and modern navigation / communication systems.
- (c) & (d): The Defence Shipyards have embarked upon expansion and modernization plan to cater for Integrated Modular Construction, to reduce the build period for ships, at four Defence Shipyards at a total cost of Rs.1785.21 crore. Majority of warships for the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard are constructed by Defence Shipyards while some non-weapon ships are also constructed by private shipyards.
- (e) Assessment of defence preparedness is a dynamic process, keeping in view the threat perception. Government takes appropriated measures, including modernization, to maintain operational preparedness of the forces, Design capabilities of Indian Navy are also utilized for modernization of war vessels.