

(a) whether Dhanush, the Nuclear Capable Ballistic Missile with a range of 350 Km. was test fired from a Navy ship of the Orissa Coast in December, 2009;

(b) if so, outcome and the success achieved therefrom; and

(c) the cost evolved therein?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Dhanush, a Naval Version of Prithvi Missile with a range of 350 km, was flight tested from Naval Ship in December 2009. The result of flight test was satisfactory and all mission objectives were achieved. The cost evolved in this mission was about Rs. 11 Cr.

Decent Family Accommodation to Armed Forces

2783. PROF. ANIL KUMAR SAHANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence establishment are providing decent family accommodation to its armed forces; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the action Government propose to take to ensure decent family accommodation to armed forces?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Permanent Married Accommodation as per authorised scales is being provided to Defence Personnel. However, there are deficiencies which have been identified and construction has been undertaken under the Married Accommodation Project (MAP). A total of 1,98,881 Dwelling Units are being constructed under MAP in four Phases.

Constitution of Cantonment Boards

2784. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Cantonment Boards in the country where elections have been duly conducted and Boards constituted;

(b) the details of Cantonment Boards where elections have not been held on time and reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Cantonment Board of Meerut has not been duly constituted on time;

(d) if so, the details of representations/requests received in the case of Meerut Cantt. Board and action taken thereon; and