

- (c) whether an enquiry has been set up;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the details of the agencies from which ration for army is procured; and
- (g) the details of the action Government has taken to improve ration management for armed forces of the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (g) The Comptroller and Auditor General's (C and AG) report No. 6 of 2010-2011 which was tabled in Parliament on 3rd August, 2010 pertains to performance audit of supply chain management of rations of India Army for the period from 2005-2006 to 2007-2008. The report hinges on the need to improve systems in provisioning and procurement of rations. A total of 13 recommendations pertaining to realistic provisioning of rations, strengthening of procurement procedures etc. have been made. The dry rations are centrally procured through Army Purchase Organisation (APO). The fresh supplies are procured through contracts/local purchase by Command Head Quarters and Lower Formation Head Quarters. Some improvements have already been made in the quality of rations. Improvement in quality of food items is a prime concern of the Government and is a continuous on-going process.

#### **Delivery of Admiral Gorshkov aircraft carrier**

3061. SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE-PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to acquire an aircraft carrier 'Admiral Gorshkov' from Russia;
- (b) if so, whether any time-frame has been set under the Agreement for its delivery; and
- (c) whether Government has sent any team from Navy to visit Russia for examining the refit work on the carrier and to ensure its delivery at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) The delivery of the ship has been planned for December 2012.
- (c) A team of Indian specialists comprising of officers, sailors and civilian personnel have been deputed to Russia as part of overseeing team who are constantly monitoring the progress of work onboard the ship. Additionally, the Refit work is being monitored through regular project reviews at the shipyard by sending composite delegation.

#### **Contract with Russia for additional MIG-29Ks**

3062. SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE-PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: