

Acquisition of Missiles Equipped Sub-Marine

2507. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to acquire Missiles equipped sub-marine from Russia; and

(b) if so, by when the delivery is expected?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) A missile capable submarine has already been commissioned in the Indian Navy recently.

Sea Bird Project

2508. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made in the execution of Sea Bird Project of the Indian Navy;

(b) whether it is a fact that the cost of the project has been increased manifold since its initiation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when, the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) In 1985, the Government have approved the creation of Phase-I of Naval Base under Project Sea Bird at an initial approximate cost of Rs. 350 crores (1985 price level), which was to be firmed up on completion of Detailed Project Report (DPR) by the Consultants. The Master Plan and DPR were prepared by the Consultants and submitted in August, 1990. Based on the DPR, approval for Phase-I of the Project at a cost of Rs. 1294.41 crores was granted in October, 1995, with scheduled completion in the year 2005.

The Marine works contract was concluded with the consortium comprising M/s Hochtief of Germany, M/s Ballast Nedam of