

#### **Defence University in Gujarat**

196. SHRI DILIPBHAI PANDYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to set up a Defence University in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the place where this University is likely to be set up; and
- (c) by when the work in this regard is likely to start and the University would become functional?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) The information is being collected with will be laid on the Table of the House.

#### **Ownership status of Brahmos Aerospace Ltd.**

197. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Brahmos Aerospace Limited in Thiruvananthapuram is owned by the Central or State Government or is it privately owned;
- (b) whether Government has awarded to the company any contract for production and assembling of missile parts for the armed forces; and
- (c) if so, whether the contract has been executed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Brahmos Aerospace Thiruvananthapuram Limited (BATL) is a subsidiary Company of BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL), New Delhi, which is a Joint Venture between India and Russia formed through Inter-Governmental Agreement with a majority shareholding of 50.5% by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Government of India. This Company has exclusive task of design, development, production and sale of BrahMos Supersonic. Cruise Missiles for our Armed Forces. BATL is managed by an Independent Board with members from BAPL, DRDO, ISRO, State Government and also with independent expert member.

(b) and (c) BATL is presently manufacturing systems, components for DRDO, ISRO, BrahMos, HAL, BARC related with missiles including BrahMos systems, PSLV, GSLV, satellites and robotic arms. BATL is manufacturing these components and systems as per orders received from the above Organizations.

#### **Aims and objectives of CDS**

198. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ministry is in favour of Combined Defence Services (CDSs)
- (b) if so, the details thereof;