

Purchase of C-17 aircrafts from US

2830. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI :
SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken any final call on purchase of C-17 aircraft from United States of America; and

(b) if so, the details of the requirement and the estimated cost to be incurred for the purchase?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) and (b) Sir, Government of India has signed a Letter of Offer and Acceptance with US Government for procurement of 10 C-17 Globemaster III Very Heavy Transport Aircraft. The total cost of the aircraft and associated equipment is estimated at US \$ 4.116 billion.

Purchase of defence equipments from US

2831. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Government is still engaging with the US in connection with Foreign Military Sales cases, defence articles and services such as C-130J aircrafts, TPQ-37 radars, Self Protection Suits (SPS) for VVIP aircrafts, etc.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) and (b) Sir, procurement of defence items is being made from United States of America (USA) under the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) route based on operational necessity and in accordance with the modernization programme of the Armed Forces.

Divulging further details would not be in the interest of National Security.

Submarine being constructed at MDL

2832. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) when will the submarine being constructed at the Mazagon Dock Limited for Indian Navy be ready for deployment; and

(b) what is the present status of the work?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) Sir, the first of the 06 Scorpene submarines being constructed at M/s Mazagon Dock Limited (MDL) is to be delivered by June, 2015 and the last (6th) submarine by September, 2018.