

**Revamping of submarine fleet**

3594. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to revamp all sub fleet;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that 6 Scorpene class submarines are slated for delivery under ongoing ₹ 23,562 crore project-75; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) and (b) Sir, Modernisation of the submarine fleet is being undertaken on a progressive basis to maintain combat worthiness. The equipment/systems that have undergone/are undergoing modernization are combat system, sensors, navigation complex, communication suite and auxiliary equipment.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The first of six Scorpene class submarines being constructed at M/s Mazagon Dock Limited, Mumbai under Project-75, is scheduled for delivery in June, 2015 and the last (sixth) in September, 2018. All six submarines are being constructed concurrently.

**Recommendation of Parliamentary Standing Committee on  
Defence preparedness**

3595. SHRI TARUN VIJAY : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry is aware of the latest recommendations of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence regarding critical state of India's combat readiness;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps Ministry propose to take regarding critical shortage of ammunition, huge gaps in required and existing force levels and tardy procurement process; and
- (d) it's view on panels comprehensive review of the country's battle preparedness that will take into account the equipment, war reserves, human resource availability and issues of geo-strategic importance and has to be submitted in the winter session of Parliament?