

(c) whether the Minister of Defence has held discussion with the President of Myanmar and other senior Military officers in the past;

(d) if so, the details of the issues raised and discussed during the said meeting;

(e) the decisions taken and memorandum signed between the two countries during the said meeting; and

(f) the extent to which both the countries will be benefited from such decisions?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. During the visits of the Prime Minister to Myanmar in 2012 and of the President of Myanmar to India in 2011 and 2012, both countries have agreed to expand cooperation in various areas, including in the fields of defence and security.

(c) to (f) During his visit to Myanmar from 20-21 January 2013, Raksha Mantri had discussions with the President of Myanmar and other dignitaries, including on issues relating to border management cooperation, armed forces interactions and other defence and security matters of mutual interest. However, no memorandum was signed with Myanmar during the said visit.

Partial success of Nirbhay cruise missile

4535. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's most challenging technology project Nirbhay cruise missile developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) achieved only partial success at the first test and the missile performed well upto 200 kms before fizzling;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Nirbhay, the Indian version of the US military's Tomahawk cruise missile was launched perfectly, the navigator was perfect with correctly touching first two way points and its self-destruction mechanism inside was activated when it was deviated from its path; and

(d) if so, whether our missile scientists have identified the malfunction of one of the sub-systems and the steps taken to rectify the system?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Except for covering the full range by flying in all way points, all the objectives set for the cruise missile functionality have been met fully.

(c) Yes, Sir. The missile was launched perfectly. The navigation system was perfect with correctly touching the first way point and deviation was observed while going to second way point. When the deviation exceeded the safety limits, mission abort command was issued from the ground and the destruction mechanism inside the missile was activated. The mission was aborted to ensure coastal safety.

(d) Scientists have identified that Inertial Navigation System has malfunctioned and corrective design/ modifications are being implemented.

Status of Purchase of TIFCS and TISAS

4536. SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of purchase plan for Thermal Imager Fire Control System (TIFCS)' and Thermal Imager Stand Alone System (TISAS); and

(b) the details of the number of TIFCS and TISAS Government proposes to import?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) The proposal for procurement of Thermal Imager Fire Control System (TIFCS) is at the contract negotiations stage whereas procurement action in respect of Thermal Imager Stand Alone System (TISAS) under two contracts signed in 2003 and 2010 has been completed.

(b) 1000 TIFCS are proposed to be imported while 600 TISAS have been imported.

Status of implementation of OROP

4537. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of One Rank, One Pay (OROP) for ex-servicemen; and

(b) the reasons for not ensuring an equal pension irrespective of the year of retirement?