

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?