

Induction of submarines in the naval fleet

†965. SHRI NARESH AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the current number of submarines in the naval fleet and total number of submarines inducted into the fleet of the Navy since the year 2000;
- (b) whether the number of submarines is sufficient for the requirement of the Navy; and
- (c) if not, by when the requirement will be fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) to (c) Indian Navy is a multi-faceted force with surface, sub-surface, and air assets. The force level preparedness is a dynamic and continuous process and is based upon the threat perception. All efforts are made to ensure availability of assets as per requirements. Disclosure of further information in this regard on the floor of the House will be prejudicial to the security of the country.

Crashes of aircrafts

966. SHRI P. BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of aircrafts that crashed during the last two years, till date;
- (b) whether a number of persons have been killed or injured in such crashes and the financial loss suffered by Government as a result thereof;
- (c) whether inquiry has been conducted in each such crash;
- (d) if so, the action taken by Government thereon; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to prevent such accidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) During the last two years (2012-13 & 2013-14) and the current year 2014-15 (upto 26.11.2014), a total of 24 defence aircraft have crashed.

(b) 32 Defence personnel were killed and 07 injured in these accidents. No civilian was killed or injured. The loss to the Government in terms of value of aircraft and service

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