

been granted. The acquisition plans for the army envisage providing adequate number of guns to equip the artillery regiments. Subsequent to purchase of Bofors guns, Artillery Regiments have been equipped with inductions and up-gradations of different weapon systems.

Building of indigenous submarines

3358. SHRI A.K. SELVARAJ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has approved of a proposal to build six conventional diesel electric submarines indigenously;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that the project has been estimated at ₹ 50,000 crore;
- (c) whether the Council has decided to set up a committee to decide on the names of shipyards to be issued the Request for Proposal; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, the Acceptance of Necessity (AON) cost of the project is ₹ 18798 crore (2005 cost). However, the final cost arises through the bidding / negotiation process.

(c) and (d) The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has approved constitution of a 'Core Committee' to identify suitable Indian shipyards to bid for construction of six submarines.

Expansion of IACCS

3359. DR. K.P. RAMALINGAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has cleared a proposal worth ₹ 7160 crores for the Air Force to expand the Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that the IACCS presently has 5 nodes and an additional 4 nodes will be set up to connect the Indian mainland with island regions for seamless communications and connectivity; and