

of the small island states of Indian Ocean Region, coordinated patrols along international maritime boundary and periodic deployment of Naval units to foreign shores.

#### **Japanese submarine for Indian Navy**

462. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T. : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any consultations have been held with the Government of Japan to construct six submarines for our Defence forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the comparison of submarine technology of Japan with countries such as Russia, France, Germany and Spain;

(d) whether these submarines are under project-75-India; and

(e) whether the Ministry would consider having a joint venture instead of importing submarines from other countries?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) No detailed comparative study of Japanese submarines *vis-a-vis* other countries has been undertaken so far by the Government.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. There is no proposal for import of any conventional submarines.

#### **Export of SONAR by DRDO**

463. SHRI AAYANUR MANJUNATHA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has decided to export SONAR to foreign countries:

(b) if so, the details thereof, country-wise: