

(Capital Acquisition) under DSE in Budget Estimate 2017-18. Till 31.12.2017 the expenditure under modernisation is ₹ 61,002.97 crores.

Project of building nuclear powered submarines

163. SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Navy has launched an ambitious project to build six Nuclear-Powered attack submarines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the other weapons that have been procured / proposed to be procured to strengthen the country's Naval Power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE): (a) and (b) The information cannot be divulged on the floor of the House in the interest of National Security.

(c) The modernization of Indian Navy is an ongoing process. The Government regularly reviews the security scenario and accordingly decides to induct appropriate weapons and equipment on the basis of operational requirements, which include different types of Missiles and Torpedoes, Anti-Submarine rockets, chaff rockets and mines etc.

New weapons procurement policy

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

(a) whether Government is willing to implement the new weapons procurement policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the policies framed by Government to have latest technologies for development of weapons in the country; and

(d) if so, the achievement made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE): (a) to (d) Sir, the new Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) - 2016 has been implemented by the Government with effect from 01.04.2016. DPP-2016, *inter alia*, focuses on institutionalizing, streamlining, and