

Year	Army	Navy	Air Force
2015	01	Nil	Nil
2016	02	Nil	01
2017	01	Nil	Nil
2018	01	Nil	Nil
2019	02	Nil	01
2020 (till 31.01.2020)	Nil	Nil	Nil

(b) The measures taken by the three services of the Armed Forces are given below:

- (i) An elaborate Mental Health Programme has been formulated and is in vogue since 2009.
- (ii) Sessions for stress management are organized at all major stations for the Armed Forces Personnel at regular intervals. Review meetings are held periodically for creating a stress free environment and prevention of suicide.
- (iii) Service personnel who are at high risk of combat stress (vulnerable) are identified and counseled by unit Commanding Officers, Regimental Medical Officers and Junior Leaders. Any stress marker/warning signs of stress are looked for and motivational talk is rendered to all.
- (iv) Specific measures include sensitization of Commanders on the subject, measures like provision of adequate married accommodation, good schooling, recreation facilities etc.
- (v) Religious Teachers (RT) JCOs, besides preaching religion, are also being trained to augment the availability of psychological counselors in units.

#### **Joint patrolling with Indian Ocean Littoral Navies**

818. SHRI K. J. ALPHONS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether coordinated patrols are being undertaken with Indian Ocean Littoral Navies; and

(b) whether there are plans to expand the operation of the above in the light of enhanced threat in the Indian Ocean?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) India is undertaking Coordinated Patrols with Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand and Indonesia. India engages constructively with Indian Ocean Littoral countries to promote peace and ensure our maritime security.

### **Indigenous Aircraft Carrier Project**

819. DR. AMAR PATNAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the progress of the Indigenous Aircraft Carrier project;
- (b) the reasons for the delay in the completion of the project as compared to the initial timelines;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the current inventory of carrier based aircraft is insufficient for a two aircraft carrier navy; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Major structural and outfitting work of Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) has been completed. Major milestone activities including starting of Main Propulsion machinery and trials of Power Generation machinery have been completed. Trials of other ship's equipment and systems are presently in progress.

(b) Ship's targeted delivery was affected due to delay in supply of aviation equipment from Russia.

(c) and (d) Indian Navy acquires various Ships/weapons/equipment including the carrier based Aircraft in accordance with the Maritime Capability Perspective Plan (MCCPP) and Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP).

### **Export of defence product manufactured in the country**

820. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any plan to triple the export of defence products manufactured in the country in the next five years;