

Trishul Warship

3324. SHRI KA. RA. SUBBIAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the features of the Trishul Warship which was launched in St. Petersburg, Moscow on the 23rd November, 2000;

(b) whether the Trishul Warship has been built within the fixed time-frame; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Frigate Trishul was launched on 24th November, 2000. This ship is being constructed in Russia. It is a multi-purpose frigate fitted with state of the art weapons, sensors and other equipments. The construction of the ship is progressing as per schedule.

Sea King helicopters

3325. SHRI KA. RA. SUBBIAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that differences have been put aside regarding Sea King helicopters during the recent Indo-British talk; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Subjects of mutual interest and cooperation, including product support for Sea King helicopters, were discussed in the Indo-British Talks held recently in India. It will not be in the interest of national security to disclose further details in this regard.