GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2101
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15th MARCH, 2021

SUBMARINES IN THE NAVY

2101 SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the average lifespan of a submarine is considered to be twenty five years;

(b) if so, the proportion of total submarines currently in the Navy which are older than twenty five years;

(c) the plans of Government to replace these older submarines; and

(d) by when this replacement is going to be done?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ten conventional submarines held with Indian Navy (IN) are older than twenty five years. However, these have been put through mid-life upgrade and are fully operational.

(c) & (d): The older conventional submarines are planned to be replaced with indigenously built submarines in a phased manner. Of these, three Kalvari Class submarines have already been inducted into Indian Navy in the last three and a half years.

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