

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO.429**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016

**LANDING CRAFT UTILITY**

\*429. SHRI J.J.T. NATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Navy has adequate fleet of ship for present and future use and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has recently launched the country's seventh Landing Craft Utility (LCU) and if so, the details thereof along with its salient features; and
- (c) whether the ship is of indigenous technology and can be deployed for multirole activities and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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**(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 429 FOR ANSWER ON 16.12.2016**

**(a) The Indian Navy is a multi dimensional force with modern surface, sub-surface and air assets for defending the national interest against potential adversaries. The modernization of the Indian Navy is an ongoing process, which is being undertaken keeping in view, inter-alia, the external security environment and emerging technologies.**

**(b) & (c): The Landing Craft Utility (LCU) is an amphibious ship with the primary role to transport, deploy and recover troops and equipment from ship to shore and vice versa. The ship can also be deployed for peace time roles, search and rescue operations, humanitarian aid and disaster relief operations and for logistic support to Island territories. A total of 8 LCUs are being built indigenously at GRSE, Kolkata. The seventh ship of the LCU MK-IV class was launched on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.**

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