

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.484

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH APRIL, 2017

INDO-RUSSIAN DEFENCE COOPERATION

*484. SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether the Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Federation Navy visited India recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the issues discussed during the visit;
- (c) whether new avenues have been explored in naval cooperation between the two countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is any delay in supply of procurement of military equipment from Russia and if so, the corrective measures taken in this regard; and
- (e) the other steps taken to boost defence relation between the two countries?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 484 FOR ANSWER ON 7.4.2017

Admiral Vladimir Korolev, Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Federation Navy visited India from 14th to 18th March 2017. The salient issues discussed during the interaction include Navy to Navy Staff talks, bilateral naval exercise 'INDRA NAVY', SME exchange on MiG 29K aircraft, submarine cooperation, tropicalisation of Russian provided equipment, maintenance of 1135.6 frigates at each other ports.

Defence procurement is undertaken in accordance with the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP), which lays down timeliness for various stages of the procurement process. The present DPP-2016 includes several initiatives for sound implementation and timely induction of equipment into the Indian Armed Forces. In addition, periodic reviews are carried out to ensure that the procurement scheme progress as per the laid down time lines. All issues including timelines for implementation of ongoing defence contracts are addressed through relevant bilateral mechanism with Russia.

Regular bilateral meetings with Russia are held for enhancing defence cooperation including the High level Monitoring Committee Meeting (HLMC) at the level of Defence Secretary and the India Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-MTC) at the Ministerial level. Staff talks between HQ IDS and General Staff of Armed Forces of Russian Federation and between Indian Navy and Russian Navy are also held to promote relevant cooperation between armed forces of two sides. A range of ongoing activities have helped to further deepen and strengthen defence cooperation with Russia as a key pillar of the bilateral Special Privileged Strategic Partnership.
