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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1768

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH MARCH, 2017

SAGAR PARIKRAMA PROJECT

1768. SHRI V. PANNEERSELVAM:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had launched the Sagar Parikrama Projects in 2007;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) the completed and proposed journeys under the said project; and
- (d) the funds sanctioned under the said project?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) to (c): Project 'Sagar Parikarma' was launched in 2007. The objective of the project was solo-circumnavigation of the Globe in a sailboat. This was successfully accomplished in 2009-10 by a Naval Officer. After the success of 'Sagar Parikarma I', in 2012-13, 'Sagar Parikarma II' was undertaken with a solo 'non-stop' circumnavigation by another Naval Officer. The objectives of Sagar Parikarma I & II were:

- (i) To inspire the youths of India to develop an understanding of the sea and a sense of adventure and spirit.
 - (ii) To instill in the young officers of the Navy a sense of national pride and achievement through a successful solo-circumnavigation voyage.
- (d) An amount of Rs.6 crores was sanctioned for the project 'Sagar Parikarma I' including Rs.4.3 crores for construction of the boat, Mhadei. An amount of Rs. 72 lakhs was sanctioned for 'Sagar Parikarma II'.
