

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.139

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 27TH DECEMBER, 2017

INDUCTION OF INS KILTAN

*139. SHRI KESINENI NANI:

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

- (a) whether the recently inducted INS Kiltan lacks offensive capabilities like the Active Towed Array Sonar (ACTAS) system, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has approached international companies for purchase of heavyweight torpedoes for submarines;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the current stock of the same and requirements; and
- (d) the mode for the said acquisitions taken or likely to be taken?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 139 FOR ANSWER ON 27.12.2017

(a) INS Kiltan is fitted with State-of-the-Art indigenously developed Bow Mounted Sonar designed to detect modern stealth submarines. The ship is designed to operate Active Towed Array Sonar (ATAS), which provides enhanced Under Water detection capability. Presently, the trials of indigenous Active Towed Array Sonar are under progress by Defence Research and Development Organisation.

(b) & (d): INS Kiltan is fitted with anti-submarine Heavy Weight Torpedoes. As far as Heavy Torpedoes for Submarines are concerned, the procurement would be undertaken as per the extant provisions of Defence Procurement Procedure.

(c) The weapon induction for submarines is an ongoing process and is planned keeping the current holding of weapons *vis-a-vis* the future requirement.
