

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.779
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH FEBRUARY, 2018

DEFICIENT QUALITY MISSILE

779. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE please be pleased to state:

- (a) whether strategic missile system, a medium range supersonic surface to air missile system to counter aerial threats is of deficient quality and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether over seventy percent of the under vehicle scanners installed at Indian Air Force bases are non-functional;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps taken / being taken in this regard;
- (d) whether IL series of aircraft, which provides vital transport support to the IAF during contingencies, has not been upgraded, and continue to fly with 1985 vintage avionics; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with action taken / being taken in this regard?

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MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
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(a) The Medium Range Supersonic Surface to Air Missile System to counter aerial threats is being developed by Defence Research & Development Organization (Research Centre Imarat) and IAI, Israel. The system will be inducted into the IAF.

(b) & (c): Since its procurement in year 2012, the Under Vehicle Scanner System (UVSS) had come across defects in some machines. All efforts are being taken to rectify the defects. Supplier was penalized for delays in rectification in some cases through penal deduction and other measures. However, defects in the systems did not compromise the access control measures in various Air Force bases as there are alternative means available to check vehicles and visitors.

(d) & (e): IL fleet has undergone provisioning of modern day avionics in last about 10 years and therefore, it is not correct to say that IL fleet continue to fly with 1985 vintage avionics. Many modern Navigational aids have been procured in the recent years and further upgrade of Avionics of IL fleet has also been initiated.
