## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1506 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

## **AKASH MISSILE PROJECT**

## 1506. SHRI DIPSINH SHANKARSINH RATHOD:

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

(a) whether the Government is contemplating seriously to approve the 'Akash Missile Project'; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard so far?

## <u>ANSWER</u>

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE रक्षा राज्य मंत्री (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

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(a) & (b): Akash Weapon System is an indigenous surface to air weapon system, designed and developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The same has been deployed by Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Army (IA) in combat areas.

In recent development, Short Range Surface to Air Missile (SRSAM) global case has been withdrawn and also awarded to Akash with upgrades of Seeker Technology, Reduced footprint for Weapon System elements, 360° Engagement Capability and High Altitude/Low temperature operation, which is named as AKASH PRIME.

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