

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3396**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2015

**UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES**

3396. SHRI FEROZE VARUN GANDHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE ज़कक ea=h  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether indigenous project of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) has been shelved after the crash of the UAV Nishant;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) proposes to improve upon UAVs and address the concern of army about Nishant; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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**(a) No, Madam.**

**(b) In view of reply given at (a), question does not arise.**

**(c) & (d): A product improvement project-Panchi (Wheeled version of Nishant), catering to the Army requirement of conventional take-off and landing has been undertaken. The project is in an advanced stage of development. Panchi could be utilized by Army for their tactical UAV requirements.**

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