

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1061  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2016

AKASH MISSILE SYSTEM

1061. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

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

- (a) whether proper trial of Akash missile was conducted before inducting it into the armed forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the failure of the Akash missile system is a heavy setback for the Make in India initiative;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the Government has taken any steps to fix the accountability of DRDO in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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**(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Proper trials of Akash missile were conducted prior to induction into the Armed Forces. Details are given below:**

- Development User trials completed successfully in 2007.
- Orders placed for 2 Squadrons by Indian Air Force in 2008 and 6 Squadrons in 2010. User trials of production equipment done successfully in 2012.
- Post Induction User trials of Akash Air Force equipment done successfully in 2014.

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- Order placed for 2 Regiments by Indian Army and First Off Production Model (FOPM) trials were successfully conducted during 2014.
- Air Force equipment participated and fired missiles successfully in Iron Fist in 2016.
- Post induction trials of Army equipment conducted successfully in 2016.

**(c) & (d): Akash Missile System is successfully inducted and performing as per the expectations of the Services. The production of Akash is being handled by M/s. Bharat Electronics Ltd and M/s. Bharat Dynamics Ltd with the help of a number of major and MSME industries spread all over the country. Thus, Akash, is a successful example of 'Make in India' and proves Government's initiatives are successful in defence manufacturing.**

**(e) In view of reply given at (c)&(d) above, Question does not arise.**

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