

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3427**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2016

**OCEAN VOYAGE OF WOMEN CREW**

3427. KUNWAR HARIBANSH SINGH:  
SHRI ASHOK SHANKARRAO CHAVAN:  
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:  
SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:  
SHRI T. RADHAKRISHNAN:  
SHRI S.R. VIJAYAKUMAR:  
DR. SUNIL BALIRAM GAIKWAD:

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

- (a) whether India's first all-women crew ocean voyage has successfully completed expedition recently if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the number of women participated in the said expedition;
- (c) the expenditure incurred during the said expedition; and
- (d) the other steps taken / being taken by the Government to promote such activities involving women?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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**(a) to (c): A six member all women officer crew of the Indian Navy undertook a maiden open ocean voyage on board the Navy's sailing vessel, Mhadei, from Goa to Mauritius and back from 24<sup>th</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016. The expedition covered over 5000 Nm at sea. A total expenditure of Rs. 28 lakhs was incurred on this expedition.**

**(d) The Indian Navy is also training an all women crew to undertake sea circumnavigation of the globe scheduled in end 2017.**

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