

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SUBMARINE BUILDING PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved a submarine building programme to meet the needs of the Indian Navy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these submarines would be built indigenously or with the collaboration of some other country; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): Government have approved a long term perspective plan for indigenous construction of submarines and acquisition of national competence in submarine building. Requisite assistance in high technology areas from foreign sources is envisaged to achieve the desired objective. A final decision has, however, not yet been taken in this regard.