

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BUILDING OF STEALTH WARSHIPS BY NAVY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Navy is embarking on an ambitious project to build stealth warships indigenously;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its main features;
- (c) the time by which these ships are likely to join the Naval fleet; and
- (d) the extent to which the Naval force is likely to be strengthened therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): The government have approved the construction of three frigates, which will have stealth features. These frigates will be armed to carry out offensive and defensive tasks against enemy ships, submarines and aircraft and possess three dimensional warfare capability.

The ships are likely to join the naval fleet by the year 2006-07.