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TEST FIRE OF PRITHVI

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 'Prithvi' Missile was again test fired on June 16, 2000 from Interim Test Range at Chandipur near Balasore; and

(b) if so, the precise findings and extent of success of the test and conclusions reached as a result thereof, indicating the reasons for the fresh test?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Prithvi-II, the Air Force version of Prithvi was testfired on June 16, 2000 from Interim Test Range at Chandipur near Balasore. However, the Army version of Prithvi has already been developed, inducted and is under production.

(b) This test was a part of the developmental trial programme of Air Force version of Prithvi. Valuable data has been obtained from the test for use in development of this system.