

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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BUILDING OF AIRCRAFT CARRIER

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had a proposal to build indigenously designed aircraft carrier;
- (b) if so, the agencies involved in building such aircraft carrier;
- (c) the amount required for building aircraft carrier; and
- (d) the time by which such aircraft carrier is likely to be built?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): Government have approved the indigenous construction of an Air Defence Ship (ADS) of approximately 37,500 Metric Tons at Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi, for the Indian Navy. The revised cost of the construction of the ADS is Rs. 2880 crore. The construction of aircraft carrier is likely to be completed by 2011-2012.