

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:529
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2006
VIKRANT WAR MUSEUM PROJECT
Gadakh Shri Tukaram Gangadhar

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 220 dated November 24, 2005 regarding Vikrant War Museum Project and state:

- (a) the detailed plan and programme of the Union Government regarding Vikrant War Museum Project;
- (b) whether Phase-I work like grouting of the ship and setting up of the museum has been started;
- (c) if so, the progress made so far and the time by which the Phase-I is likely to be completed;
- (d) the time by which the Phase-II work like setting up of revenue generating activities on board is likely to start;
- (e) whether, after release of Rs. 5 crore in June, 2003 for maintenance of Vikrant War Museum, any further financial assistance has been provided by the Union Government for the project; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 529 FOR ANSWER ON 23.2.2006

The Government of India has approved the conversion of Indian Naval Ship Vikrant as museum on 25th January, 2005. An Apex Coordination Committee comprising representatives from the Government of India and the Government of Maharashtra has been constituted for this purpose on 10th August, 2005. The Committee held its first meeting on 23rd September, 2005 and recommended inter alia the appointment of Project Management Consultants (PMC) for implementation of the museum project. The advertisement for the appointment of the PMC has been given in January, 2006. A definite time-frame along with phases of implementation can be specified only after a PMC is appointed and an assessment of the project is done by the PMC. A sum of Rs. 42 crore has been approved by the Government of India for setting up of the museum.