

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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INDUCTION OF AKASH MISSILE INTO ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Akash missile have been test fired successfully recently; and
- (b) if so, the time by which these missiles are likely to be inducted into the armed forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Three Akash missiles were successfully flight tested in last week of January 2006.
- (b) Akash missile system is expected to enter production and induction phase only after the user's trials scheduled in second half of 2006.