

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:729
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ACQUISITION OF WARSHIPS ON LEASE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether USA has agreed to provide warships to the Indian Navy for surveillance purposes on lease basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether these ships could be built indigenously;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken to build these ships?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) to (e): Do not arise.