

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PURCHASE OF TRANSPORT WARSHIP FROM USA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to purchase transport warship USS Trenton from USA as reported in the Times of India dated July 26, 2006;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) the benefits which are likely to accrue to the Indian Navy;
- (d) whether technical know how of this ship will also be transferred; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): Government approved the acquisition of Landing Platform Dock (LPD), USS Trenton along with four Landing Craft Mechanised (LCMs) and associated package for the Indian Navy from the USA at a cost of USD 48.23289 million.

The ship would provide the Indian Navy enhanced amphibious capability. In addition, the LPD can be deployed for disaster relief operations. It can also function as a command and control platform during mishaps at sea like offshore oil installation fires and maritime air accidents.

No technical know how for the construction of such a ship in India is envisaged under the present acquisition. However, the induction of LPD would help in gaining user experience apart from providing essential design inputs for the indigenous construction of LPD.