

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1609
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SHORTAGE OF SKILLED TECHNICIAN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether efficiency of the Indian Navy is affected due to shortage of personnel having technical skill at present as reported in the `Hindustan` dated October 29, 2004;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government is contemplating to recruit Marine soldiers for deployment on the new ships; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) No, Sir. The operational efficiency of the Navy is being maintained with stringent management of available manpower.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.