

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF SUPERSONIC CRUISE MISSILE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully developed pilotless aircraft `Lakshya`;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the progress made in developing supersonic cruise missile on the lines of Lakshya`s technology?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes, Sir. DRDO has developed Pilotless aircraft – Lakshya.
- (b) The reusable Unmanned Aerial Target Vehicle `Lakshya` is used for evaluation of surface to air missiles and training the crews. It has been developed.
- (c) Lakshya is a subsonic target for firing practice of missiles. Supersonic cruise missile needs entirely a new technology.