

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:636
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AIRCRAFT CARRIER VIRAT
Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to operationalise the aircraft carrier Virat after a long break;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time-schedule for decommissioning of Virat?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): The refit of Viraat has been completed in November 2009 and the ship is currently operational. The de-commissioning of Viraat is not under consideration at present.