

Prithvi missiles to be replaced by more-capable Prahar: DRDO

NEW DELHI, June 30:

Seeking to enhance its precision strike capabilities, India is planning to replace its 150 km-range Prithvi ballistic missiles with the newly developed quick reaction Prahar missiles.

"We are withdrawing the tactical 150 km-range Prithvi missiles and will replace them with the Prahar missiles, which are more capable and have more accuracy," DRDO chief Avinash Chander told here.

The tactical versions of the Prithvi missiles would be withdrawn from service and will be upgraded to be used for longer ranges, he said.

The DRDO chief said after the withdrawal of the tactical ballistic missiles from service, there would be a gap in strike capabilities in the range of 100 to 150 km-range.

"The Prahar missile would be used to fill up that gap," he said.

The 150 km-range 'Prahar' is a single-stage missile and is fuelled by solid propellants. It was first test-fired by DRDO in mid-2011 from its range in Odisha.

The uniqueness of the missile system is that it can be fired in the salvo mode also from one launcher vehicle in which four missiles can be fired in one go.

This short-range missile would be an 'excellent weapon' which would fill the gap between the 90 km-range of the Smerch multi-barrel rocket launchers and guided missiles like 'Prithvi', which can strike at 250 km to 350 km range.

The under-development Prahar missile would be offered to the Army for user trials very soon and after its acceptance, it is planned to be part of its Corps of Artillery.

The Prithvi missiles were developed by India under its Integrated Missile Development Programme in the 1980s. The ballistic missile was developed with multiple strike ranges from 150 km to 350 km.

The longer ranges are planned to be in service with both the Army and the IAF. (PTI)

Air India to start direct flights to Australia

MELBOURNE, June 30:

After a 16-year absence from Australia, national carrier Air India will start direct flights between the two countries using its new fleet of Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft from August 29.

Air India will begin flying a triangular route between Delhi, Sydney and Melbourne on August 29 using the new Dreamliners, the Sydney Morning Herald reported today.

A Dreamliner has 256 seats, including 18 in the business class.

For four days a week, flights will be Delhi-Sydney-Melbourne, and for three days they will run Delhi-Melbourne-Sydney.

Until now, Singapore Airlines has held a strong grip on the travel market between Australia and India because of the lack of direct services. Most travellers have had to fly via Singapore.

Air India Commercial Director Deepak Brara said that the airline wanted to split direct services between Sydney and Melbourne to give "both cities the benefits of non-stop services".

"People who travel between Australia and India usually spend more than a week on either side," he said.

He said there had been long delays in starting services to Australia but added that people could take comfort from them happening because Air India had started taking bookings on Friday.

"That should afford some degree of certainty. There have been so many [delays]. The reason has been the delay in the delivery of the 787s and the groundings," he was quoted as saying by the daily.

NSW Premier Barry O'Farrell said the new services would generate a substantial growth in visitors to Sydney and the state directly from Delhi.

"This new Air India service will make getting to Sydney and NSW even easier, meaning we can welcome even more visitors from India," he said. (PTI)

Sharif to send Pak Power Minister to India to tackle energy crisis

ISLAMABAD, June 30:

Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif has directed his Water and Power Minister to India to address the severe energy crisis facing the country.

"We are facing acute electricity shortage and any assistance in the power sector will help us in addressing the problem," Sharif said while speaking to members of the Pak-India Joint Business Council at the Prime Minister's Office yesterday.

Sharif told the meeting that he had directed Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Minister for Water and Power, to visit India and explore potential areas of cooperation between the two countries, the official APP news agency reported.

Earlier, Asif had said that the energy crisis in Pakistan will take at least two years to be resolved.

Asif said that due to shortage of power the country had sustained a huge loss of Rs 1,000 billion in the last five years. Pakistan is currently facing a power deficit of 4,000-5,000 megawatts per day.

Earlier this month, Pakistan had sought 500 MW of electricity from India by laying a transmission line from Punjab into Lahore. The proposal to buy power was made when an expert group visited Pakistan to discuss energy cooperation.

India is willing to help and is exploring the points which can be used to hook-up to the grid in Pakistan through a high-voltage direct current (HVDC) line, government sources in New Delhi has said.

Sharif has earlier said that tackling the energy crisis will be among the top priorities of his Government. (PTI)

Office of the Principal SPMR College of Commerce, Jammu

ADMISSION NOTICE

It is notified for information of all concerned that following schedule will be observed for admission to BBA and BCA Part Ist for the session 2013-14 in this college.

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| > Display of Merit List | 29.06.2013 (Morning) |
| > Submission of Grievances regarding merit list if any | 01.07.2013 (Up to 11 AM) |
| > Display of Final Merit List | 01.07.2013 (3 PM) |
| > Counseling and Admission for BBA | 03.07.2013 (10.30 AM Onwards) |
| > Counseling and Admission for BCA | 04.07.2013 (10.30 AM Onwards) |

(Students have to be present in person alongwith original certificates and fee in the shape of Demand Draft favoring Principal Govt. SPMR College of Commerce Payable at Jammu.)

Note:-
1. Candidates failing to be present at their turn on the day of counseling will forfeit their right of admission.
Second counseling for vacant seats (if any) 06-07-2013

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Jammu.

Uttarakhand Govt, temple committee will reconstruct Kedarnath: Bahuguna

DEHRADUN, June 30:

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Vijay Bahuguna today turned down offers from his Gujarat counterpart Narendra Modi and others for reconstruction of the Kedarnath temple, saying it will be done by his government and the temple committee.

However, he said anyone was welcome to contribute funds for the reconstruction of the 8th century shrine that withstood the ravage of the cloud-bursts and floods that swept away its neighbourhood and much of the town.

"The construction of temple, I am very firm, and I have made it clear that it will be constructed by the state government and the temple committee. Anybody who is coming forward to make donation is most welcome," he said in an interview.

"I am not joining issue on this with any other state or any other leader or any party. Any state, any leader, any party in

India or abroad who want to help in the reconstruction of the entire Kedarnath dhaam is welcome.

"This place is a nagar panchayat. So anyone who supports us in the bid to reconstruct and rebuild the entire Kedarnath dhaam is welcome. What we require is financial aid. We have manpower and engineers to do this," he said.

Bahuguna said the state government and temple committee were open to suggestions, but the final decision in this regard will be taken by them.

On a visit to Uttarakhand last week, Modi had said the Gujarat government would take the responsibility of reconstructing the Kedarnath temple - one of the shrines of the 'chaardham' pilgrimage which attracts pilgrims from all over the country.

"Kedarnath is a sentimental issue, a religious place. We have to see how much damage has

been done to the temple. The ASI will do that," the Uttarakhand Chief Minister said.

"Then there is pressure from saints and Hindu leaders that we should start pooja in the temple. How early we can do this is not known because we cannot reach Kedarnath by foot for at least a year.

"When the pooja will start who will do the pooja...This all the temple samiti and shankaracharyas will decide. The state government will only facilitate (the efforts) I cannot fix a timeframe or decide on that," he added.

The Chief Minister said he was thankful for donations and relief material from all walks of life and places.

"We may have divergent views but our ultimate aim is to restore the damage done to infrastructure and provide better life to people of Uttarakhand," Bahuguna said. (PTI)

Raise retirement age of Indian judges: Int'l legal expert

LONDON, June 30:

Raising the retirement ages of Indian judges and compulsory appointment of court clerks will help expeditious disposal of cases and restore people's faith in the judiciary, an international legal expert has said.

"Though people have faith in our judiciary because it is cheap, they are concerned about the delay in the disposal of cases," Dr Adish C Aggarwala, International Council of Jurists President and Chairman of All India Bar Association, told. Law Minister Ashwani Kumar recently informed Parliament that over three crore cases are pending in various courts.

"The best solution is to increase the age of retirement of judges from 62 to 65 at the High Court and 65 to 68 at the Supreme Court. We have recommended that at the lower judiciary the retirement should go up to 62," Aggarwala said, adding that whoever is not fit medically should retire voluntarily.

Aggarwala, who was here to

organise the International Conference of Jurists 2013, said: "Let there be increase in the number of judges in Supreme Court and High Courts. Also increase the age of retirement with no right to practice or appointment after retirement except under the Commissions' of Enquiry Act. Then we will have proper justice delivery system."

He said, "there should be compulsory system of Court Clerkship. Supreme Court judges are getting these facilities through Court Clerks. Lawyers should be given proper training as Court Clerks for minimum period of one year, with stipend. There should be 10 Court Clerks for one magistrate.

"We have 16,000 judges at the lower judiciary and with the help of Court Clerks cases can be disposed off expeditiously. Court Clerks provide basic facts of each case in a nutshell to the judges which help the Judges to dispose of the cases expeditiously.

"At present there are about 40 vacancies at the lower judiciary

and they should be filled up without delay. Practising local lawyers should be appointed as judges as they are more concerned about their own reputation."

He said on an average 40,000 to 50,000 fresh lawyers join the field every year. They come with great hope but half of them take up other jobs as they do not get enough cases.

Aggarwala is in favour of India adopting the "British judicial system" where adjournments are not given on flimsy grounds and thereby help speedy disposal of cases.

"The Indian court working system has improved a great deal in recent years with improvement in salary and working condition of judges. But they could be facilitated for speedy disposal of cases with more judges, appointment of Court Clerks and limiting the number of adjournments to two. The court management could be improved by having shifts in courts. Evidence should be recorded in continuity," he said. (PTI)

Met had issued 'timely' warnings, Ukd Govt says not enough

DEHRADUN, June 30:

With questions being raised whether large-scale deaths in Uttarkhand could have been averted, the MeT department today said it had issued "timely" warnings of heavy rains and landslides while the state government claimed there was not enough prior indication of a "crisis of this magnitude".

Uttarkhand Met department Director Anand Sharma said that they had issued these advisories from June 14 for the next couple of days and even suggested that the Char Dham yatra of Badrinath, Kedarnath, Yamunotri and Gangotri be postponed for 4-5 days.

"From 14th, we had started giving the heavy rainfall warning...For 15th we had issued warning for very heavy rains... And we also said if you could postpone the yatra for 4-5 days... And 16th, we said heavy to very heavy rainfall and specifically highlighted the regions..." he said.

Uttarakhand Disaster Management Minister Yashpal Arya admitted that the Met department had issued the warning but said there was little the authorities could do because of the extent of the natural calamity as lakhs of people were scattered in the region.

"We had prior information. But there was no visible indication of crisis of this magnitude,"

the Minister said. "Lakhs of people were in different places. What could have the department done? We did our best and we will keep doing it," Arya said.

Sharma, however, said that the warnings cannot be "so specific" and it is difficult to anticipate how the situation will unfold in such circumstances.

He said the state Met department had warned that people should avoid going to the hills and those already in higher reaches should move to safer places but conceded that such warnings were of little help to the people who were already on the move and had little access to any form of communication. (PTI)

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL KATHUA NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred upon me under section 65, 66 and 68 of J&K Municipal Act 2000, I Vinod Sharma, Executive Officer Municipal Council Kathua hereby notify below mentioned Taxes/ Fee is liable to be increased and imposed within the Municipal Council Kathua.

Any objection in this behalf to the Amendment of Taxes/ Fee should be communicated to the undersigned within 30 days from the date of publication of this notification.

In case no objection is filed within stipulated period the Taxes/ Fee shall be treated as implemented under section 70 of J&K Municipal Act-2000.

| S.No. | Taxes/ Fee on items | Old rates of Tax/ Fee | Proposed rates of Tax/Fee |
|-------|---|--|---|
| 1. | Lorry Adda fee on Buses | Rs. 10/- per trip | Rs. 20/- per trip |
| 2. | Truck Unloading/Entry Fee | Rs. 20/- per trip | Rs. 25/- per trip |
| 3. | Tractor Trolley used for Commercial purpose other than agriculture / religious purpose. | Rs. 15/- per trip | Rs. 20/- per trip |
| 4. | Matador/ One Ton, Load Carrier/ Tata mobile | Rs. 5/- per trip | Rs. 10/- per trip |
| 5. | Auto Rickshaw/ Three Wheeler | Rs. 2/- per trip | Rs. 5/- per trip |
| 6. | Three wheeler Load Carrier, Vikram Auto Minidor. | Rs. 3/- per trip | Rs. 5/- per trip |
| 7. | Hoarding/ Advertisement Fee | Rs. 20/- per trip | rs. 30/- per trip |
| 8. | Building Fee (i) Residential Building Fee (ii) Commercial Building Fee | Rs. 3/- per Sq feet on Slab Area Rs. 8/- per Sq feet on slab Area | Rs. 5/- per Sq feet on Slab Area Rs. 10/- per Sq feet on slab Area |
| 9. | Two Wheelers Parking Fee | Rs. 2/- per two wheeler per entry, per day | Rs. 5/- per two wheeler, per entry, per day |
| 10. | Car (LMV/Four Wheeled Vehicle) | Rs 5/- per vehicle per entry, per day | Rs. 10/- per vehicle, per entry, per day. |

Sd/-
Executive Officer
Municipal Council
Kathua
DIP/J-412-P
Dt: 25-6-13

Cong misusing CBI, constitutional authorities: Rajnath

NEW DELHI, June 30:

BJP today targeted Congress over CBI's handling of Ishrat Jahan encounter case, accusing it of misusing not just the investigative agency but many constitutional authorities also.

"Everyone in the country knows this truth that the Congress government has misused the CBI. Not just the CBI, but the Congress government has also tried to do the maximum misuse of other constitutional authorities in the country," said BJP President Rajnath Singh, when asked about CBI investigations into the Ishrat Jahan encounter case.

Ishrat Jahan, a 19-year-old college student was killed along with three others on June 15, 2004 allegedly by a team of Crime Branch officials on the outskirts of Ahmedabad, after intelligence inputs that a group of Lashkar terrorists have plotted to kill Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi to avenge the 2002 communal riots in the state.

The BJP has been stung by reports claiming that the CBI has come with fresh evidence that Modi and the then Gujarat Home Minister Amit Shah had prior knowledge of the alleged fake encounter of Ishrat Jahan.

Singh, after addressing a congregation of weavers here today, also charged the Congress governments with lowering the dignity of constitutional authorities in the country.

"If anyone has done the work of lowering the dignity of constitutional authorities in the country, it is the Congress government," he said.



Asked to respond to the Election Commission notice on BJP leader Gopinath Munde, the BJP chief said, "I have not heard Munde's speech. But if the Election Commission has sent a notice to Munde, he will reply."

Earlier, addressing a weavers congregation here today, Singh favoured loan waiver for them on the lines of the relief extended to farmers.

He alleged that the Congress has not done enough to alleviate poverty from the country in its almost 55 years of rule and charged the ruling with conspiring to sustain poverty due to its politics.

"If the poor have remained

poor, it is not because of their misfortune but because of the bad intentions of the government in power," Singh said.

He said, "It is a conspiracy by those in power not to allow people to shed their poverty.... I feel those sitting in power think they can purchase their votes by offering them some sops before the polls."

Rajnath promised to accord equal status to weavers and sort out their problems once BJP came to power. "Weavers and farmers will be kept on the same yardstick. We will offer easy finance of 1 to 2 per cent on loans to weavers as offered to farmers," he said.

He also opposed cotton exports till the demand of weavers were met in the country and sought easy finance for weavers at low interest.

He also lamented the role of handloom corporations in "not being forthcoming and for not playing an effective role in serving the interests of weavers". (PTI)

British actor Art Malik plays Milkha Singh's dad in biopic

MUMBAI, June 30:

British actor Art Malik will make his Bollywood debut with Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra's 'Bhaag Milkha Bhaag'.

The movie is a biopic on legendary athlete Milkha Singh. In the film, Malik will play Sampurnan Singh, Milkha Singh's father.

The role of Milkha Singh is being played by filmmaker-actor Farhan Akhtar.

The Pakistan-born actor has worked in several international projects, including 'True Lies', 'Sex And The City 2', 'City of Joy', 'Passage To India', 'Jewel In The Crown', 'Living Daylights' and 'The Far Pavilions'. (PTI)

J&K HOUSING BOARD Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu Advertisement Notice

- The engagement shall be initially for a period of 2 (two) years.
 - The applicant should be permanent resident of J&K State.
 - The age of the applicant shall not be less than 18 years and more than 65 years as on 01.06.2013.
- In continuation to Notice issued under No: HB/6550 dated 15.03.2013 and due to poor response thereto, the applications are invited from eligible candidates on plain paper for the engagement against vacancies indicated in Annexure-"A" to this notice on contractual basis for State Level Technical Cell to be constituted for implementation of Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY). The terms and conditions are as under:-

1. The candidates are required to submit application on plain paper along with a set of the requisite certificates, experience wherever prescribed. The duly filled in Application Form shall be deposited either in person or by registered post at the office of Managing Director, J&K Housing Board, Green Belt Park, Gandhi Nagar, Jammu/Bemina, Srinagar or before 08.07.2013 along with a Bank Draft of Rs.500.00 favouring Financial Advisor/CAO, J&K Housing Board.
2. Application Form(s) incomplete in any manner shall be liable to rejection without any notice.
3. The Application Form(s) with over writings/mutilated entries or accompanying fake/forged documents shall also be liable to be rejected with or without penalty besides shall attract criminal proceedings.
4. The candidates who are eligible for applying for more than one post are required to apply on the prescribed application form separately for each post. The candidates shall also indicate his/her option of priority in case applying for more than one post.
5. The last date for the receipt of application forms as prescribed above shall be the cutoff date for determining the eligibility to apply for the post. The age limit, however, is determinable with reference to the 1st June, 2013. Any qualification/experience acquired thereafter shall not be taken into account for any purpose.
6. The prescribed qualifications reflect the bare minimum requirement of the job and mere possession thereof shall not entitle a candidate to be called for written test/interview and also grant weightage to the higher qualification in relevant line/discipline as may be decided by the Housing Board.
7. The Degrees/Diplomas obtained through distance mode which are in consonance with the Government Order NO.252-HE of 2012 dated 30.05.2012 shall be entertained subject to such terms and conditions mentioned therein.

Note:- The candidates who have already applied for the advertised posts need not apply again.
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Dt: 25-6-13
Technical Officer to M.D,
J&K Housing Board,
Jammu.

Annexure-"A" to Advertisement Notice Total number of posts advertised =07

| S. No. | Name of the post | No. of posts | Honorarium per month | Qualification/ experience |
|--------|---|--------------|----------------------|---|
| i | MIS Specialist | 01 | Rs.50,000/- | • BE/B-Tech, computer Science/Electronics, MCA/PGDCA in IT, MSc Computer Science. • Minimum 5 years experience in Govt./Semi Govt./ Autonomous Organizations/Private Company of repute should have exposure to software development and project management, data base management, MIS etc. • Ability to work in a team and train staff on the job to use the systems and assist in day today issues related to IT. • Fluency in English and local language essential. |
| ii | GIS Specialist | 01 | Rs.50,000/- | • Master Degree in Planning, Engineering, Geography, Computer Science or other relevant discipline with 5 years work experience. • Demonstrated proficiency and creative application of GIS in the urban context. • Knowledge of Urban Planning & Housing. • Ability to work with motivation/train Govt. Staff. |
| iii | Town Planning Specialist | 01 | Rs.50,000/- | • Master Degree in Planning with specialization in Urban Planning. • Minimum of 5 years work experience in Urban Planning with experience of Infrastructure Projects. • Experience of reform oriented projects is desirable. • Fluency in English and local language essential. |
| iv | Social Development Specialist | 01 | Rs.50,000/- | • Master Degree in Social Science. • Minimum of 5 years work experience in Social and Community Development. • Practical experience of working in the development areas, preferably in urban development. • Wide knowledge and experience in implementing social sector reforms. • Working experience in urban sector social development will be preferred. • Training in capacity building in social development and community participation ! processes. • Fluency in English and local language essential. |
| v | Project Engineering Specialist | 01 | Rs.50,000/- | • Post Graduate Degree in Engineering with specialization in public health engineering. • Minimum of 5 years experience in procurement, design and supervision of infrastructure works. • Ability to assist ULBs top set standards and producers for ensuring quality and monitoring compliance. • Prior experience as municipal engineer will be an added advantage. • Fluency in English and local language essential. |
| vi | Capacity Building/Coordinator Training Specialist | 01 | Rs.50,000/- | • Master degree doctoral degree in urban planning and management social science, with practical experience of working in the development areas, preferably in urban development. • Minimum of 5 years experience in urban sector. • Wide knowledge and experience in implementing governance reforms. • Training in organizational behavior and management of institutional change processes. • Experience in design capacity building activities, preferably in the municipal environment. |
| vii | Computer Operator | 01 | Rs.50,000/- | • ITI Diploma in Computer Science • Minimum of 1 year experience. |