

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
RAJYA SABHA  
QUESTION NO 14.07.2004  
ANSWERED ON**

**NEW ENSIGNS, FLAGS AND PENDANTS FOR THE INDIAN NAVY .**

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Navy propose to adorn its ships, submarines and establishments with new ensigns, flags and pendants; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The new naval ensign, distinguishing flags and pendants have been introduced from 25th April, 2004. The reason for the change was that the earlier flags had a blue and white colour combination which were not clearly visible from a distance, especially at sea.