

# Indian Officials Arrive to Discuss Submarine Building

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An Indian military delegation has arrived in St. Petersburg to discuss military-technical collaboration in submarine-building, a Russian defense industry source told RIA Novosti on Thursday, days after a Russian-made sub in India's navy exploded.

"It is a routine meeting of a joint [Russian-Indian] working group that had been scheduled long before the explosion on the INS Sindhurakshak," the source said on condition of anonymity. "The Indian delegation is headed by the Indian navy's chief of material, Vice Admiral Nadella Niranjan Kumar."

According to the source, the agenda of the talks included the possibility of a second round of upgrading for India's Kilo-class (Project 877 EKM) diesel-electric submarines, as well as Russian participation in the Indian tender for six new diesel-electric subs and other issues aimed at boosting the development of India's submarine fleet.

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