

The Rosoboronexport arms trading company has handed over the INS Trikand frigate to the Indian Navy, Vyacheslav Davydenko, an official spokesman for Rosoboronexport, told Itar-Tass on Saturday.



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“The Russian and Indian sides signed the handover act at a ceremony in Kaliningrad. The Indian Navy flag was hoisted on the ship,” Davydenko said.

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Russia is ready to build another three or four frigates (11356) with improved characteristics, Anatoly Isaikin, the director general of the Rosoboronexport arms trading company, said on Saturday.

Earlier on Saturday, Isaikin attended a ceremony where Russia handed over the third INS Trikand frigate to the Indian Navy.



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"If necessary, we are ready to build another three or four Trikand frigates with improved characteristics for our Indian partners,” Isaikin said.

"Frigates (11356 project) have been in service with the Indian Navy for the past ten years. They have considerably increased the navy’s defensive capacity and enabled it to solve a wide spectrum of tasks,” Rosoboronexport’s general director said.

“Russian designers keep modernizing the ships all the time,” Isaikin added.

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