

India test fires Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QR-SAM) from Odisha coast

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Bhubaneswar, June 4: A Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QR-SAM) was test fired by India on Sunday from Chandrapur in Odisha. As per reports, the QR-SAM was test fired from launch pad number 3 of Chandipur integrated test range at 12.39 pm.

The Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QR-SAM) was jointly developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Bharat Electronics Limited. As per reports, the missile system has the potential to engage multiple targets within a range of approximately 30 km, with the configuration of two vehicles for area air defence.

As per reports, the missile is equipped to for quick reaction and the system is all weather enabled, a network-centric one, which is also capable of search-on-the-move. The missile is a truck-mounted one with 360 degree rotatable, electronic-mechanically operated, turret-based launch unit.

Prior to today's test launch, India also tested a Surface to air PYTHON and Derby (SPYDER) Missile system in May. As per reports, the missile system was tested at the Chandipur Integrated Test Range.

The system reportedly fired Python-5 and Derby missiles as its interceptors. A highly maneuverable missile, the Python-5 missile has the feature of "lock-on after launch". The Derby is reportedly a developed version of Python-4, with an active feature of radar homing.