

# INDIA GETS S-400 TRAINING EQUIPMENT

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Full unit: An S-400 Triumph surface-to-air missile system at Kaliningrad in Russia. File photo

There is a delay in the delivery of the second regiment of S-400 from Russia due to the ongoing war in Ukraine. However, some training equipment and simulators arrived in India, official sources confirmed.

“Simulators and training equipment have arrived. The second operational unit is likely to be delayed by a few months,” a defence source said and this was confirmed by another official.

Last December, India took delivery of the first S-400 regiment, five of which were contracted from Russia under a \$5.43 billion deal signed in October 2018. The first unit has been deployed in Punjab and is operational, officials have confirmed.

With the threat of U.S. sanctions under CAATSA (Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act), New Delhi and Moscow had worked out payments through rupee-rouble exchange for this deal.

The two sides are now exploring the same payment route for larger bilateral trade.

The Defence Ministry and Services have carried out assessments and are closely monitoring the impact of sanctions can have on timely deliveries and supplies from Russia. Officials had expressed concern that there could be some shipping delays given the prevailing situation. China too possesses the S-400 Triumph long-range air defence system, currently being inducted by India. Earlier, an Indian Air Force representative had told the parliamentary standing committee on defence that “direct tactical planning” would be a key requirement for India in countering Chinese forces.

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