

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. : 1062  
(To be answered on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024)**

**DEVELOPMENT OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT INDUSTRIAL ECOSYSTEM**

**1062. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA**

**Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्री**

**be pleased to state:-**

- (a) whether it is a fact that India is almost hundred per cent import dependent in civilian aircrafts sector and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government is cognizant of the fact that China has developed its own homegrown aircraft as alternative to Airbus and Boeing and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has made efforts for development of the civilian aircraft industrial ecosystem in the country and import substitution through performance linked incentive scheme and otherwise; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

**Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION**

**नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री**

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(a) to (d) Globally, Airbus and Boeing are the two dominant Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) who manufacture commercial fixed wing aircraft while other OEMs manufacture regional aircraft. The Government has been promoting and facilitating the development and manufacturing of aircraft and associated equipment by public and private enterprises in India. Hindustan -228 (Upgraded) civil aircraft developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is a 19 seater turbo prop commuter aircraft suitable for regional connectivity. HAL has also developed Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv- a 5.5 ton class Helicopter indigenously designed, multi-mission, multi-role Helicopter duly certified for Military & Civil application. HAL has also entered into MoU with Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) - National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) for Design, Development and Certification of 19 seat Light Transport Aircraft - SARAS MKII and subsequent Production, Marketing and Lifecycle Maintenance of the aircraft.

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