

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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PROCUREMENT OF A.J.T.

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have since decided to procure Advanced Jet Trainer for Indian Air Force;
- (b) if so, the source of its acquisition and the number of AJTs proposed to be procured along with its specification and cost;
- (c) the stage at which the procurement process stands at present; and
- (d) the time by which the delivery is expected?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 66 Nos. of AJTs are proposed to be procured from M/s British Aerospace Systems, UK of which, 24 will be through direct supply and remaining 42, through licenced manufacture by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. The aircraft, being offered, is Hawk 115-Y. The cost is yet to be negotiated.

(c) The procurement process stands at the price negotiation stage.

(d) The first deliveries may begin after 35 months from the date of signing of the contract.