

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5689
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ISRAELI KEENNESS IN PURCHASING INDIA`S LAKSHYA AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Israel has reportedly offered to buy India`s indigenously manufactured `Lakshya Aircraft`;
- (b) if so, India`s response thereto;
- (c) whether any other country has also come forward for purchasing this aircraft; and
- (d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Defence, Israel, had requested technical details of Lakshya pilotless target aircraft. These details have been provided.

(c) & (d): Only preliminary inquiries have been received from some other countries.