

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:19  
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PURCHASE OF SUB STANDARD JET FIGHTERS FROM RUSSIA  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware that sub-standard Jet fighter planes were purchased from Russia between 1985-90;
- (b) whether the Government have conducted a detailed inquiry in this regard?
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the persons held responsible for the same;
- (d) whether there was a serious dislocation in defence preparedness because of these sub-standard purchases; and
- (e) if so, the remedial steps taken in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) The fighter aircraft purchased from Russia between 1985-90 are not sub-standard but are frontline aircraft of Indian Air Force.
- (b) to (e): Do not arise.