

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4888  
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INDUCTION OF HJT-36  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the HJT-36 is a Indian product and has been designed and developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore;
- (b) if so, whether it has been useful and has taken place of IAF`s 200-odd Kirans that have been in service for nearly 30 years;
- (c) if so, the details regarding its speed, quality and usefulness; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be handover to Armed Forces to train their pilots?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION & SUPPLIES (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) HJT-36 is an Intermediate Jet Trainer (IJT) which is being developed for Stage-II flying training of pilots, which is presently done on Kiran aircraft. IJT will replace the ageing Kiran trainers.
- (c) IJT is a sub-sonic aircraft with a fuel efficient engine, advanced avionics systems and increased weapon load. This will help to improve the pilots` training effectiveness and lead to easier transition to the advanced training for modern fighter aircraft.
- (d) Initial operational clearance of IJT is expected by 2005-2006 and deliveries to Indian Air Force (IAF) are expected to start from the same year onwards.