

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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UPGRADATION OF AN - 32 TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to increase the lift capability of IAF considering the developments which take place frequently and instantly;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government have decided to upgrade AN-32 transport aircraft; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Induction of transport aircraft to meet the operational requirements of IAF is a continuous process and is resorted to taking into account the demand and utilization of such aircraft.

(c) & (d): The AN-32 transport aircraft are presently undergoing modifications in respect of their avionics and navigation equipment.