

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF MIRAGE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY BY FRANCE IN INDIA

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of France has offered to establish a part of the manufacturing facility for the latest generation of its Mirage aircraft in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have accepted the said offer;
- (c) the details thereof alongwith the terms and conditions laid down therefor;
- (d) whether the Government have taken up the matter with the Government of France regarding supply of Mirage aircraft to Pakistan by that country; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the French Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.

(d) & (e): There is an on-going dialogue with Government of France which, interalia, covers the security environment in India's neighbourhood. The Government of France have been appreciative of India's national security concerns.