

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5136  
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DEPLOYMENT OF IAF IN UN PEACE KEEPING FORCE IN WEST AFRICAN COUNTRY  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Indian Air Force has joined the United Nations Peace Keeping Force in the strife-torn West African country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of contingent and personnel deployed in the said force?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) Yes, Sir. IAF has sent a contingent to Sierra Leone in West Africa to form part of United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL).
- (b) & (c) : The contingent comprises of :-
  - (i) four Mi-8 helicopters,
  - (ii) four Chetak helicopters,
  - (iii) 149 personnel, and
  - (iv) associated administrative and operational infrastructure.