

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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UPGRADATION OF CHETAK HELICOPTERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to upgrade the entire fleet of Chetak helicopters;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the upgradation is likely to be completed;
- (d) whether there are some doubts on the capability of the upgraded helicopters; and
- (e) if so, the corrective measures taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

- (a) After carrying out inaugural flight of the first upgraded Chetak helicopter on 1st February, 2005, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has prepared technical proposals for the Upgrade programme.
- (b) to (e): The proposal envisages upgradation of Chetak helicopters by re-engining with more powerful modern engine and incorporating contemporary cockpit instruments/equipment and is in the process of evaluation.