

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINING TO PILOTS IN USA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has procured an aircraft carrier Admiral Gorshkov from Russia;
- (b) if so, whether the Indian Navy has planned to send its pilots to USA for training to fly MiG 29 Ks;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the number of pilots likely to be trained in USA?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): Contracts and Supplementary Agreements were signed with Russia on 20.1.2004 for the induction of Aircraft Carrier "Admiral Gorshkov". The aircraft carrier is undergoing necessary repairs and modification in Russia at present. The contract for procurement of MiG 29K aircraft from Russia includes type training of ten pilots on MiG 29K aircraft in Russia. There is no plan for sending pilots to USA for undergoing training to fly MiG 29K.