

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCUREMENT OF SECOND HAND HARRIERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to procure second hand harriers from UK;
- (b) if so, the details alongwith the purpose thereof;
- (c) whether any team of Indian Navy has visited UK recently to inspect these harriers;
- (d) if so, the finding thereof; and
- (e) the expenditure involved in procurement of second hand harriers?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): A proposal for the procurement of second hand Sea Harriers from UK for enhancing the operational capability of Navy has been initiated.

A team of officers was deputed to the UK to inspect the Sea Harriers to ascertain their suitability. The team has since made its recommendations. No final decision has, however, been taken on the proposal.