

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:568
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MANUFACTURING OF PILOTLESS PLANE LAKSHYA
Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) has manufactured pilotless plane 'Lakshya';
- (b) if so, the number of such planes manufactured and provided to the Indian Air Force so far;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to sell these planes to other countries;
- (d) if so, the names of the countries which have shown interest in purchase of this plane; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Three aircraft have been inducted into the Indian Air Force so far.
- (c) There is no such proposal.
- (d) & (e): Do not arise.