

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STUDY ON MIG-29

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force has sought life enhancement of its frontline fighter MiG-29 ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) has conducted any study regarding Total Technical Life Enhancement (TTLE) of the MiG-29;
- (d)if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
- (e)the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (f)the further steps being taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (f): A project for Total Technical Life Extension (TTLE) of MiG-29 has been undertaken with National Aerospace Laboratory (NAL). The project envisages increasing Total Technical Life (TTL) from 2500 hours / 25 years to 3000 hours / 30 years and beyond. So far an expenditure of Rs.98 lakhs on NAL project has been incurred and four phases of the project have been completed. Better technologies from the OEM are now available which can considerably enhance the operational capability of aircraft.