

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1293  
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ACQUIREMENT OF MULTI-ROLE COMBAT AIRCRAFT  
Oran Dr. Rameshwar; Sugavanam Shri E.G.

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to buy more multi-role combat aircraft to replace the ageing aircraft in a phased manner;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also proposed to identify industrial units as Rashtriya Udyog Ratna for the purpose; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): Government constantly review the security environment and accordingly decide to induct appropriate equipment and to make other arrangements for adequate defence preparedness. The purchase of combat aircraft is made in accordance with the established Defence Procurement Procedure.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.