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DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS AEWACS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to develop indigenous Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AEWACS);
- (b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard; and
- (c) the time by when India become self-reliant in AEWACS system?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Indian Air Force and Defence Research and Development Organisation have jointly studied and evolved the system level requirements for undertaking indigenous development of AEWACS to meet the operational needs.

(c) It is expected that India should achieve desired level of self reliance for such systems in the XI Five Year plan.