

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:787

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ARMS DEAL WITH USA

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has signed recently arms deal with the United States of America;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government plans to buy more Super Hercules C-130J, an all-weather aircraft from U.S.A.; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government have acquired the Landing Platform Dock (LPD) USS Trenton and UH-3H Helicopters from the US Government. These were commissioned into the Indian Navy in June,2007 as INS Jalashwa. Government have also signed Letters of Offer and Acceptance for the procurement of weapons and equipment required by the Special Forces of the Indian Army and for six C-130J-30 aircraft for the Indian Air Force.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.