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DELAY IN ACQUISITION OF PHALCON AWACS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the delivery of much awaited three Israeli Phalcon Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) has been delayed once again;and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) As per the current delivery schedule,the delivery of three AWACS to India is expected to be made in February 2009, Septemeber 2009 and April 2010.

(b) The main reason for the delay is the late arrival of the first modified aircraft from Russia in Israel.The progress on the flight trials has also been slow since the required spares have to be shipped from Russia.