GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:374 ANSWERED ON:20.10.2008 OFFER OF BOEING BUSINESS JETS TO INDIA Patel Shri Kishanbhai Vestabhai;Singh Shri Sugrib

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received the Boeing Business jets to be used by the VIPs in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the features of the aircraft;

(c) whether the Government has issued any guidelines for the use of these aircraft by the VIPs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check misusue of these aircraft?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The Indian Air Force (IAF) inducted the first Boeing Business Jet (BBJ) aircraft on 4 August 2008. The second BBJ aircraft is scheduled to arrive on in the third week of October 2008 and the third aircraft during the first week of January 2009. The aircraft has a range of 3140 nautical miles and a capacity to carry 60 passengers.

(c) to (e): Necessary guidelines for use of VIP aircraft of the IAF are already in existence. These are being implemented meticulously by the concerned agencies. These guidelines are applicable for the new BBJ inducted in the IAF.