

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF HELICOPTERS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to purchase helicopters for the Indian Air Force;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the technical criteria fixed by the Government for selection of the manufacture;
- (d) the expenditure likely to be incurred on the procurement; and
- (e) the time by which the procurement is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Contracts have been signed for the procurement of Advanced Light Helicopters from M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Medium Lift Helicopters from M/s Rosoboronexport, Russia, and Helicopters for VVIP transportation from M/s Augusta Westland, UK. In addition, cases for procurement of additional Medium Lift Helicopters, Attack Helicopters, Light Utility Helicopters, Heavy Lift Helicopters, and Recce and Surveillance Helicopters from various vendors are being processed. All these procurements are based on operational requirements framed by the Indian Air Force. The expenditure on the procurements will be known only after the commercial proposals are opened.

(e) All capital acquisitions are processed as per the Defence Procurement Procedure. The Defence Procurement Procedure-2008 envisages a timeframe of 20-34 months for finalization of such major capital procurements.