

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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ACQUISITION OF AIRCRAFT FOR VIPS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has inducted all the three Boeing Business Jet aircraft for the use of VIP travel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the acquisition process deviated from the laid down procedures in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the said aircrafts are proposed to be used for international travel of VIPs;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The three Boeing Business Jet aircraft were inducted into the Indian Air Force in August 2008, October 2008 and January 2009 respectively.
- (c) & (d): No, Madam.
- (e) & (f): Boeing Business Jet aircraft have a range of 3140 nautical miles. This enables the aircraft to fly upto Europe without refuelling and to destinations beyond that with one refuelling stop.