GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1759 ANSWERED ON:08.03.2010 PROCUREMENT OF AIRCRAFT FOR NAVY Majhi Shri Pradeep Kumar;Semmalai Shri S.

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Navy has any plan to induct additional fleet of aircraft as part of the Maritime Capabilities Perspective Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has signed any deal with Russia and other countries for procurement of multi-role fighter jets and maritime reconnaissance aircraft in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the salient features of the deal?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Naval aviation is planned for growth in the Maritime Capabilities Perspective Plan. To facilitate an orderly growth, a master plan for naval aviation assets has been drawn.

(c) & (d): A contract was signed on 20th January 2004 with M/s RAC MiG, Russia for supply of MiG-29K/KUB aircraft. Some of these aircraft have been delivered in December 2009. Further, a contract for procurement of maritime reconnaissance aircraft was signed with M/s Boeing, USA on 1.1.2009.