

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3780  
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2010  
PROCUREMENT OF AIRCRAFT FROM RUSSIA  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to purchase MiG-29K fighter jets from Russia;
- (b) if so, the total number of fighters to be purchased, cost and other details thereof;
- (c) the comparison of its features with F-16 fighter jets of USA;
- (d) whether there is proposal to procure some aircraft from USA also;
- (e) if so, the time schedule for their procurement; and
- (f) the extent to which it will boost the capabilities of Air Force?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3780 FOR ANSWER ON 19.4.2010

Contract for acquisition of additional MiG-29K / KUB aircraft for the Navy from Russia was signed in March 2010 at a cost of US \$ 1466.44 million under Option Clause of an existing contract signed in 2004.

The MiG-29K are carrier borne aircraft and have advanced avionics and airborne sensors. The F-16 is a land based aircraft and can carry a slightly larger payload of weapons.

A contract for procurement of maritime reconnaissance aircraft was signed with M/s. Boeing, USA in 2009. The aircraft are scheduled to arrive between 2013 and 2015. Further, procurement of C-130J-30 aircraft under the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) programme of US Government has been finalized in 2008. The delivery of these aircraft would commence from February 2011.

Induction of these platforms would boost the capabilities of the Armed Forces.