

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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TRAINER AIRCRAFT IN AIR FORCE
Thamaraiselvan Shri R.

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force lacks basic trainer aircraft to train its pilots;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Air Force has decided to revive HPT-32 trainer aircraft which was grounded following a fatal accident last year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): Kiran Mk 1/1A (HJT-16) aircraft are being utilized by Indian Air Force for basic and intermediate flying training.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. IAF has taken a decision to revive the HPT-32 with critical modifications by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.