GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2311 ANSWERED ON:09.08.2010 INDUCTION OF AWACS Semmalai Shri S.

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) inducted into the Air Force to make Indian airspace impregnable;
- (b) the number of such systems proposed to be inducted; and
- (c) the number of occasions on which AWACS has detected intrusion of foreign aircraft into Indian airspace?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): A contract was signed with M/s Elta Israel for the procurement of three Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft. Two AWACS aircraft have already been inducted into the Indian Air Force while the third is expected to be delivered by December 2010.
- (c) There has been no intrusion of foreign aircraft into the Indian airspace during AWACS operation.