

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF TRANSPORT FLEET OF IAF

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade AN-32 transport fleet of Indian Air Force (IAF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the extent to which the life span of AN-32 aircraft will be enhanced by the upgradation;
- (d) the details of the expenditure likely to be incurred on the upgradation; and
- (e) the time by which the upgradation process is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A contract for upgradation of AN-32 aircraft has been signed with State Foreign Trade Enterprise Spetstechnoexport (STE), Ukraine on 15th June 2009 for total technical life extension (TTLE), overhaul and re-equipment of AN-32 aircraft in the IAF fleet.

(c) to (e): The calendar life of AN-32 aircraft will be enhanced from 25 years to 40 years. The expenditure likely to be incurred on the project is 397.7 million US Dollars. The upgradation process is scheduled to be completed between 2009-2017.