

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4059  
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PURCHASE OF ATTACK HELICOPTERS FOR AIR FORCE  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has cancelled the tenders issued for the purchase of attack helicopters for the Indian Air Force;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which the fresh tenders are likely to be issued in this regard?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Three vendors had submitted their proposals in response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) relating to procurement of Attack Helicopters for the Indian Air Force that had been issued on 23rd May, 2008. During technical evaluation, it was found that all the three proposals did not comply with all the requirements stipulated in the RFP. Hence, the RFP was withdrawn on 9th March, 2009.
- (c) A fresh RFP has already been issued on 25th May, 2009.