

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:944
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MEDIUM LIFT HELICOPTERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has cancelled its project for manufacturing Medium Lift Helicopters;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the present status of the project to manufacture Light Combat Helicopters which was launched in 2006;
- (d) whether there is proposal to export the indigenously developed helicopters; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The first Technology Demonstrator (TD1) flew on 29.3.2010 and is presently undergoing flight trials.
- (d) There is no such proposal at present.
- (e) Does not arise.