

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HELICOPTERS IN AIR FORCE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of helicopters in the fleet of Indian Air Force;
- (b) the number of helicopters which have already completed their prescribed life as of now;
- (c) the number of attack helicopters with respect to the actual requirement; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to acquire new helicopters and the prescribed timeframe for the same to meet the shortfall, if any?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): No helicopter of IAF has completed its prescribed life as of now. The requirement of attack helicopters is decided based on operational requirement of the Services which is reviewed from time to time. This is an on going process. Government has taken steps to augment and strengthen the helicopter fleet in view of its requirements.