

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to purchase transport/fighter aircraft from USA;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the name of the manufacturing company;
- (c) the utility of the aircraft in the armed forces;
- (d) whether tender was issued in this regard in the recent past and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the terms and conditions of the agreement alongwith the estimated cost of the deal; and
- (f) the time by which the aircraft is likely to be delivered?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Six C-130J-30 transport aircraft along with ground support equipment, training and spares are being purchased from the Government of United States of America (USG) for the Indian Air Force. The C-130J-30 aircraft are manufactured by M/s Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company, USA.

(c) The C-130J-30 aircraft is a medium lift transport aircraft which is envisaged for special operations in the Indian Air Force.

(d) & (e): The aircraft is being procured through the Foreign Military Sales (FMS) procedure of the US Government at a cost of US \$ 962.7 million.

(f) The delivery of the aircraft is expected to commence from February 2011 and conclude by January 2012.