

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF HERCULES AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to purchase Hercules Aircraft from the United States of America (USA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the agreement signed in this regard; and
- (c) the utility of the aircraft and the stations where the said aircraft are likely to be deployed?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Six C-130J-30 (Hercules) aircraft along with ground support equipment, training and spares are being purchased from the Government of United States of America for the Indian Air Force at a cost of US \$ 962.7 million (approx. 3835.38 crore).

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