

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to procure MI-17 helicopters from Russia for induction in the Indian Air Force (IAF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the terms of agreement signed in this regard;
- (c) the utility of the said helicopters; and
- (d) the time by which the delivery is likely to start?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A contract for the procurement of 80 Mi17-V5 helicopters along with spares and the associated equipment was signed between Ministry of Defence and M/s Rosoboronexport, Russia on 5th December 2008 at a cost of US \$ 1,345,836,495.83.

(c) & (d): The Mi-17-V5 helicopters will be utilized for Special Heliborne Operations, air-maintenance, transportation of troops and equipment, search and rescue, casualty evacuation and in armed helicopter roles. The delivery of these helicopters is likely to commence by March 2011.