

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF MIRAGE AIRCRAFT

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has finalized the proposal for upgradation of Mirage-2000 fighter aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of upgradation work to be undertaken;
- (d) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (e) the time by which the upgradation work is likely to be completed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) to (c): Yes,Madam.The proposal for upgrade of the Mirage 2000 aircraft fleet of the Indian Air Force has been approved.The proposal envisages upgrade of the first two aircraft in France by M/s Thales and M/s Dassault Aviation, France and subsequent upgrade of the balance aircraft in India by M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) Bangalore. The upgrade will enhance the avionics as well as the weapons delivery capability of the aircraft.
- (d) The estimated expenditure of the upgrade programme is 10,947 Crore including both the French and the M/s HAL portions.
- (e) The upgrade is expected to be completed within a period of ten years from the date of signing of the contract.