GOVERNMENT OF INDIA DEFENCE LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of defence related projects undertaken by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) have been badly delayed, affecting the operational needs of the defence forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Indian Air Force has demanded control over HAL, being the biggest customer of HAL;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE(SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

- (a) & (b): Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has taken up indigenous production of SU-30 MKI, Hawk, ALH, DO-228, LCA & JT. The DO-228 programme is in progress as per schedule. In the initial stages of the projects of Hawk, ALH & JT were delayed due to additional re-work on jigs in respect of Hawk, late receipt of drawings from Russia for SU-30 MKI, integration issues of IADS with Shakti engine and other new items in respect of ALH and Design & Development issues relating to JT and LCA. Corrective measures like improved manufacturing procedures, outsourcing and optimal deployment of human resources were undertaken, resulting in substantial increase in the delivery of aircraft in the year 2010-2011, when the delivery numbers were 63% higher than the previous year.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) & (e): Do not arise.