

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5098  
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AIRCRAFT FOR VVIP TRAVEL  
Rajaram Shri Wakchaure Bhausahab

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

- (a) whether the Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers have travelled by the aircraft of Indian Air Force during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (c) whether some of these air travels have been undertaken for non-official purposes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the break-up of the outstanding amount against them for the non-official travels and the time since when the same is outstanding; and
- (f) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. During the last three years, from September 2008 to July 2011, Prime Minister and Cabinet Ministers have travelled by IAF aircraft on 1315 occasions.

(c) to (f): As per existing instructions Prime Minister is entitled to use IAF aircrafts for non-official purposes. During the last three years from 1.10.2008 to 31.7.2011, the IAF aircraft has been utilised on 84 occasions for non-official use by Prime Minister. All bills upto 2010-11 have been paid. For the current financial year, bills amounting to Rs.2,78,705/- are under process.