

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS OF AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the aircraft procured from the United States of America for Indian Air force are not equipped with some vital communication systems;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the impact thereof on the safety of the aircrafts?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The aircraft being procured from the United States of America are equipped with all vital communication equipment required by the Indian Air Force (IAF). The only difference in the configuration of airborne communication equipment in the aircraft delivered to the IAF is in respect of certain standardized encryptions. This had been taken into account while finalizing the procurement.

(c) There is no impact on the safety of the aircraft.