

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1240
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EXPORT OF ALH DHRUV
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) plans to sell its Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv to certain South American countries and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has imposed ban on helicopter export and if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has received any request from HAL in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the ban is likely to be lifted?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. HAL has bagged an order for export of seven Dhruv Helicopters to Ecuador in Global bidding. HAL is in the process of setting up a regional maintenance centre for Dhruv to cover after sales service, technical/logistic support in the entire Latin American region.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) & (d): Do not apply.