

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MODERNISATION OF AIR FORCE

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the capability of fighter planes of Indian Air Force in comparison to that of neighbouring countries;
- (b) whether the Government has some programmes for increasing their capability;
- (c) the details of the perspective plan of the Government if any, to modernize the Air Force in the next five years to match the security challenges;
- (d) the number of fighter planes likely to be inducted in the force during the period; and
- (e) the total expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The threat scenario is periodically reviewed by the Indian Air Force and steps taken to meet any eventuality. This includes induction of new aircraft and air defence assets as well as upgrade of the operational capability of existing assets. It would not be in the interest of national security to divulge details.

(c) The IAF has prepared a comprehensive Long Term Perspective Plan (LTPP) till the year 2027 for modernization of its fleet to meet the security challenges.

(d) & (e): The IAF is in the process of inducting various types of fighter aircraft like Medium Multi Role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA), Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), SU-30 MKI and Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA). The Government has allocated adequate funds for the purpose.