

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1066  
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MODERNISATION OF AIRFIELDS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal for the modernization of Airfields to improve the capability of the forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the airfields likely to be covered under the project;
- (c) the details of contracts/agreements signed in this regard; and
- (d) the other measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government for upgradation of equipment of the airfields?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The project for 'Modernisation of Air Field Infrastructure (MAFI)' is under progress to modernize/improve the navigational aids at all Indian Air Force airfields. MAFI is planned in two phases under which 30 airfields are planned for modernization in Phase-I and the balance airfields of Indian Air Force will be modernized in Phase-II. Phase-II will also include airfields of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard as well as any other agency.

(c) The contract for MAFI Phase-I was signed on 16th March 2011 with M/s TATA Power (SED) at a cost of Rs.1219.99 crore. The project envisages a time-bound programme wherein 30 airfields will be modernized in 42 months. It involves installation and commissioning of the equipment, including work services along with integration and calibration of the equipment with Automated Air Traffic Management (ATM) at Air Traffic Control (ATC).

(d) The IAF is also procuring Surveillance Radar Elements (SRE), Precision Approach Radars (PAR), UHF Ground-to-Air Radio sets and Commutated Automatic Direction Finder (CADF) systems to upgrade the equipment at its airfields.