

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT .

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the fleet strength of the Indian Air Force in terms of various types of fighter planes and helicopters at present;
- (b) whether the Government has finalized the deal for purchase of combat aircraft from the United States of America;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the combat capabilities of the said aircraft;
- (d) whether the Government evaluated the offers received from the European countries in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total amount of the deal and the time by which the same is likely to be inducted into the Indian Air Force?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) The fleet strength of the Indian Air Force (IAF) consists of various fighter and transport aircraft as well as helicopters. It would not be in the interest of national security to indicate specific types of aircraft and their strength in the IAF fleet.
- (b) & (c): No deal has been finalized for purchase of combat aircraft from the United States of America.
- (d) In response to a Request For Proposal (RFP) for procurement of Medium Multi Role Combat Aircraft for the IAF, techno commercial proposals were received from European countries viz. M/s Dassault Aviation, France, M/s EADS, Germany, M/s RAC-MiG, Russia and M/s Gripen International, Sweden. The proposals have been evaluated and the proposals of M/s Dassault Aviation and M/s EADS, have been short-listed for further consideration.
- (e) The project is at the commercial evaluation stage and the cost of the procurement as well as the time-line for induction would be known after completion of commercial negotiations and conclusion of the contract.