

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF AIR BASE

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the air base at Nyoma Advanced Landing Ground in the Ladakh sector of Jammu and Kashmir in order to make it suitable for operation of different types of fighter/transport aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and the time by which the air base is likely to be fully operational;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to undertake upgradation of other strategic air bases including the Kargil air base;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action plan for overhauling of the existing fleet of the Indian Air Force to meet the emerging strategic security needs?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): Development / upgradation of advanced landing grounds/airfields and overhauling of the existing fleet of Indian Air Force are undertaken based on the operational and strategic requirement of the Services, which is reviewed by the Government from time to time. This is a continuous process.