

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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PURCHASE OF TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken a decision to purchase ten C-17 Boeing Globemaster III and six C-130J Transport aircraft from the United States of America (USA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred on each of the aircraft;
- (d) whether the Boeing Company supplied the Globemaster III aircraft to the Australian Air Force for lesser price;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the schedule of their induction in the Air Force?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Letters of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) have been signed with the Government of the United States (USG) for the procurement of ten C-17 Globemaster aircraft as well as six C-130J aircraft along with associated equipment for the Indian Air Force (IAF). The estimated cost of the procurement of the C-17 aircraft is US \$ 4.116 billion while the cost of the procurement of the C-130-J 30 aircraft is US \$ 962.4 million.

(d) & (e): The cost of an aircraft depends on its specifications, configurations and equipment on-board. The cost at which the aircraft is being supplied to India is commensurate with the cost at which C-17 aircraft is supplied to the United States Air Force and its allies.

(f) All ten C-17 aircraft and their associated equipment are expected to be delivered to the IAF between June 2013 and June 2015.

The induction of the C-130 J30 aircraft commenced in February 2011 and five aircraft have been inducted into the IAF so far. The sixth aircraft is planned for induction by end of December 2011.