

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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UPGRADATION OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to undertake upgradation of fighter aircraft of the Indian Air Force including Mirage, Jaguar, Sukhoi, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the tenders invited in this regard;
- (c) the companies to which the upgradation project is likely to be awarded;
- (d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (e) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a)to(c): Yes, Madam. Contracts have been signed with M/s Thales, France, along with M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for upgrade of the Mirage 2000 aircraft of the Indian Air Force, with M/s HAL for upgrade of the Jaguar aircraft and with M/s RAC-MiG Russia for upgrade of the MiG-29 aircraft. These contracts are under implementation.
- (d)&(e): The cost of the contract for upgrade of the Mirage 2000 with the M/s Thales, France is Euro 1470 million while the cost of the contract with HAL is Rs.2020 crores. The upgrade of the aircraft is expected to be completed by mid 2021. The cost of upgrade of the MiG-29 aircraft is USD 964 million and it is expected to be completed by 2016. The cost for upgrade of the Jaguar aircraft is Rs.3113.02 crores and the aircraft are expected to be upgraded by December 2017.