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MODERNISATION OF AIR FORCE

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the planes, radars and other equipments of the Indian Air Force have become outdated as reported recently;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has felt the need to modernise the Indian Air Force at rapid pace and also chalk out long-term plans for increasing the fleet strength and its capabilities;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard and the funds earmarked for the purpose; and
- (d) the steps taken to increase indigenisation and self-reliance in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. Replacement or upgrade of defence assets that complete their technical life is a continuous process and steps are taken to ensure that the required level of operational preparedness is maintained at all times.

The Indian Air Force (IAF) Long Term Perspective Plan (LTPP) envisages procurement of aircraft and equipment for the next 15 years (2012-2027). This plan lays down the roadmap for capability-building and enhancement of the combat potential of the IAF.

(c) Some of the major contracts signed during the last three years include procurement of Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft, Tejas Light Combat Aircraft, Medium Lift Helicopters, Intermediate Jet Trainers and Hawk Advanced Jet trainers as well as various types of Radars, Airborne Weapon Systems and Air Defence Missile Systems. IAF has also undertaken upgrade of its MiG-29, Mirage-2000 and Jaguar fleets to maintain their operational capabilities. The Budget allocation for Capital procurements for 2012-13 is ` 30,514 crore.

(d) Under the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP), the 'Buy and Make', 'Buy and Make (Indian)' and 'Make' Categories provide adequate scope for participation by domestic industry in defence procurements.