

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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HELICOPTERS IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of helicopters presently available with the armed forces in the country, Force-wise;
- (b) whether many of them have become old and need immediate replacement;
- (c) whether the armed forces including the Army have proposed to acquire more number of sophisticated and advanced helicopters;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (f) the time by which they are likely to be delivered and inducted?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (f): The induction of new helicopters and the maintenance of helicopters already in the inventories of the Armed Forces is an ongoing process. Operational requirements of the Armed Forces are reviewed from time to time and necessary steps taken. Further details regarding holdings cannot be divulged in the interest of National Security.