

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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HELICOPTERS FOR AIR FORCE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce some new technologies for manufacturing of state-of-the art helicopters for the Indian Air Force;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reasons for procuring helicopters from other countries if the required technologies are available in this country?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Modern helicopters including the Advanced Light Helicopters, Light Utility Helicopters and Light Combat Helicopters are in the process of being developed and manufactured by M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. for induction into the Indian Air Force.

(c) Only those helicopters which are beyond the current capability of the indigenous industry are being procured from other countries.