

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UPGRADATION OF MIG-29 SQUADRONS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed any contract with Russia for upgradation of MiG-29 squadrons;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of aircraft upgraded so far and the number of such aircraft to be procured as part of upgradation programme;and
- (c) the expenditure likely to be incurred on the upgradation programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The Government signed a contract for upgradation of MiG-29 aircraft with M/s Russian Aircraft Corporation (RAC MiG) on 7 March 2008. The MiG-29 aircraft upgrade is planned in two phases namely Design & Development (D&D) phase in Russia and series upgrade in India. Upgrade of six aircraft in D&D phase commenced from August 2008. The series upgrade for the remaining aircraft is expected to be carried out in India from June 2010 onwards.

(c) The cost of the upgrade of the MiG-29 aircraft is 964 Million US Dollars.