

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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FLEET STRENGTH OF IAF
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of fighter aircraft, cargo helicopters and Dhruv helicopters available with the Indian Air Force (IAF);
- (b) whether the IAF has inducted new, sophisticated aircraft in its fleet;
- (c) if so, the details and the special features thereof;
- (d) whether it is proposed to induct more of the same in the near future by replacing the existing old ones; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) MiG-21, MiG-23, MiG-27, MiG-29, Jaguar, Mirage and Su-30 MKI aircraft as part of the fighter fleet, Mi-8, Mi-17, Mi-26 as cargo helicopters and ALH Mk-I and ALH Mk-III Dhruv helicopters are available with the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- (b) to (e): Review of existing fleet and upgradation and induction of new fleet is a continuous process and is reviewed by the Government keeping in view the operational requirements of the Air Force. Some of the recent inductions include Su-30 MKI, C-130J, AWACS, IL-78 aircraft and MI-17 V5 helicopters.