

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1455  
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PURCHASE OF DORNIER AIRCRAFT  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to purchase Dornier transport aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details of such aircraft alongwith the cost and the names of the countries from which they have been purchased during the last five years;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has any comprehensive proposal for production of Dornier light transport aircraft indigenously; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) There is a proposal to procure 14 Dornier Aircraft from M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the purpose of training pilots of the Indian Air Force (IAF). Additionally, there is also a proposal to procure two more Dornier Aircraft, modified to calibrate navigational aids at IAF airfields from M/s HAL. Besides, Indian Navy has a plan to purchase 12 Dornier Aircraft from M/s HAL.
- (b) & (c): Since Dornier Aircrafts are being manufactured indigenously by M/s HAL, these have not been purchased from any other country during past five years.
- (d) & (e): Dornier Transport aircraft are already being manufactured indigenously by M/s HAL since 1983-84.