

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:335
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2012
DEVELOPMENT OF AWACS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to beef up air defence with a mix of large and small surveillance aircraft or airborne warning systems and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) project with more powerful surveillance system on long range aircraft is awaiting the approval of Government and if so, the details thereof and the time by which the Government is likely to give its approval in the matter;
- (c) whether the success of indigenous Airborne Early Warning and Control System would help in development of AWACS in the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the time by which the AWACS is likely to be developed and inducted in the Indian Air Force?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 335 FOR ANSWER ON 17.12.2012 The Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP) of Ministry of Defence envisages deployment of a mix of large i.e. Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) aircraft and small i.e. Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) System aircraft. While three AWACS already stand operationalized in the Indian Air Force (IAF), there is a proposal for procurement of two additional AWACS. Simultaneously, DRDO is engaged in indigenous development of three AEW&C systems. To leverage the experience gained in the design and development of AEW&C systems, a project proposal for indigenous development of AWACS (India) has been submitted by Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) for Government's approval.

The development of AWACS (India) is envisaged to be completed in about 84 months from the date of formal sanction.