

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether due to insufficient number of Hawk Advanced Jet Trainers (AJTs), the Air Force has decided to reduce by half the number of personnel who will train on those inducted aircrafts;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether sufficient number of Hawks have been grounded for want of spares, maintenance or quality control issues etc.;
- (d) if so, the facts thereof; and
- (e) the corrective steps Government proposes to take in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not apply.
- (c) & (d): A total of 16 aircraft are AOG as on date for want of spares (rotables). Affected spares have been dispatched to vendors (M/s. HAL and M/s. BAES) for repair.
- (e) Following actions have been initiated to ensure availability of aircraft:-
 - (i) Establishment of In-country repair and overhaul facilities at M/s. HAL.
 - (ii) Long Term Product Support Agreement with M/s. BAES, the Original Equipment Manufacturer of the aircraft.
 - (iii) Procurement of spares from M/s. BAES.
 - (iv) Indigenization of spares.