

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROCUREMENT OF COMBAT AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of procurement of 126 medium multi-role fighter aircraft for the Indian Air Force;
- (b) the countries from which the aircraft are proposed to be procured;
- (c) the status of technical and flight evaluation of the proposal; and
- (d) the time schedule for induction of the aircraft in the Air Force?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for procurement of 126 Medium Multi- Role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA) for the Indian Air Force was received from six vendors viz. M/s Boeing USA, M/s Lockheed Martin USA, M/s EADS Germany, M/s Gripen Sweden, M/s Dassault Aviation France and M/s Rosoboronexport Russia. These proposals are presentl at field evaluation trial stage.

(d) The aircraft is expected to be inducted into the IAF 36 months after the contract is signed.