

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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DELIVERY OF C - 17 AIRCRAFTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the C-17 aircraft of Boeing have been delivered to the Indian Air Force; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the specialities of the aircraft?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): A Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) was signed with US Government under Foreign Military Sales (FMS) on 14th June, 2011 for procurement of 10 C-17 Globemaster III aircraft and associated support. The delivery of C-17 aircraft is scheduled to commence from June, 2013 and complete by June, 2015. The C-17 Globemaster III is an aircraft capable of conveying combat units and their equipment up to a distance of 4,200 km – 9,000 km with a load of 40 Tons – 70 Tons in a single hop. This coupled with a short turnaround time and modern avionics allows it to be deployed rapidly to any place within our areas of interest. The procurement of C-17 aircraft will enhance the strategic airlift capability of the Indian Air Force.