

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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INDUCTION OF HELICOPTER RUDRA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has developed first indigenously made attack helicopters 'Rudra';
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be inducted into the armed forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH) MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The weaponized version of Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) is named 'Rudra' by the Army.
- (c) The first weaponised ALH 'Rudra' has been handed over to Indian Army by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) on 8th February, 2013 at Bangalore.