

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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AIRCRAFT IN INDIAN AIR FORCE

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether operational life of a large proportion of the combat and cargo aircraft and helicopters fleet of the Indian Air Force is going to end in near future;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to acquire new aircrafts for the Indian Air Force;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there has been inordinate delay in deliveries of the fighter aircraft;
- (f) if so, the corrective measures taken / proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and (g) the steps taken by the Government to ensure high level of aircraft serviceability and operational preparedness?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) to (d): No, Madam. The Indian Air Force (IAF) operates a fleet of aircraft of varying vintage. Upgradation, replacement and phasing out of aircraft is an ongoing and continuous process.
- (e) & (f): No inordinate delays in deliveries have been reported. Delays in execution of contracts is dealt through contractual provisions of penalties including imposition of Liquidated Damages (LD).
- (g) High serviceability of aircraft is ensured inter-alia through proper maintenance in Base Repair Depots (BRDs) Repair and Overhaul (ROH) of aircraft and timely procurement of spares.