

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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MEDIUM LIFT HELICOPTERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has cancelled its projects for manufacturing medium lift helicopters;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the present status of the project to manufacture Light Combat Helicopters which was launched in 2006;
- (d) whether there is a proposal to export the indigenously developed helicopters; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam.
 - (b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.
 - (c) Two technology demonstrators TD-1 & TD-2 have been built and are under flight testing with 211 flights completed by March 2013. Further flight evaluation towards operational clearances is being progressed.
 - (d) & (e): 7 ALH (Dhruv) helicopters have already been supplied to Ecuador.
- Presently orders for the supply of 3 Nos Chetak helicopters to Ministry of Defence, Suriname, and 3 Nos Cheetal helicopters to Afghanistan Air Force are under execution.