

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HANDING OVER OF DORNIER AIRCRAFT

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has handed over a Dornier surveillance aircraft to Seychelles in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the salient features of the aircraft; and
- (c) the details of the reasons and the conditions under which the aircraft has been handed over?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): Based on the request of the Government of the Republic of Seychelles and in view of the longstanding and cordial bilateral relations between both countries, a Dornier 228 has been gifted to Seychelles. The aircraft can be used for maritime surveillance functions.