

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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DEPLOYMENT OF HELICOPTERS IN NAXAL AFFECTED STATES  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to deploy Air Force helicopters in the naxal affected States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the permission for retaliatory action in case of attacks by naxalites on helicopters has been given to the Air Force; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Government has proposed deployment of Indian Air Force (IAF) helicopters in naxal affected States for providing logistic support to Para Military Forces. No offensive military action is envisaged.

(c) & (d): No specific approval is required for action in self defence. However, the Indian Air Force (IAF) has proposed a draft 'Rules of Engagement' to regulate such action, in order to avoid any ambiguity and damage / injury to the helicopters and occupants.