

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT OF HELICOPTERS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of joint project of Army and Air Force for indigenous design and development and procurement of various types of helicopters from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL);
- (b) the number of helicopters delivered so far to the Army and Air Force; and
- (c) the amount paid by the Army and Air Force to HAL in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE(SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has designed & developed the Advance Light Helicopter (ALH) in 5.5 ton category to suit the requirement of our Armed Forces. The Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) and Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) are both at the development stage.

HAL has so far delivered 22 ALHs to Indian Air Force (IAF) and 40 to Army. Contracts for supply of 159 ALHs to Army and IAF were signed in December 2007. These helicopters are planned to be delivered during 2009-2016.

(c) Around Rs.6273 crores have been collected by HAL from Army and IAF against delivery of Helicopters, milestone payments for the Helicopters contracted and Design & Development of LCH, LUH & weaponization of ALH.