

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STRENGTHENING OF AIR FORCE

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expansion and strengthening of the Indian Air Force is must to combat the increasing strategic air combat capability of neighbouring countries;and

(b) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The Government constantly reviews the security environment and ensures that the IAF is fully equipped to meet the security challenges. The IAF is presently in the process of modernizing its fleet by development and procurement of various aircraft including Medium Multi Role Combat Aircraft, the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft, Airborne Warning & Control System Aircraft and Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft. It is also upgrading its existing aircraft to enhance their combat capabilities.