

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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REPLACEMENT OF CHEETAH HELICOPTERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to replace the ageing Cheetah helicopters;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the current status of procurement of the new helicopters alongwith the sources of procurement; and
- (d) the time by which the new helicopters are likely to be included?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) to (d): The Request for Proposal for replacing the Cheetah helicopters was issued in July 2008 to six vendors. Three vendors, namely,
- (i) M/s Augusta Westland, Italy,
 - (ii) M/s Eurocopter, France and
 - (iii) M/s Rosoboronexport, Russia, have responded. Further action as per the existing procedures including Defence Procurement Procedure, 2008 is under way.