

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF AIRCRAFT FROM USA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of procurement of C-130 J transport aircraft from USA;
- (b) the estimated expenditure to be incurred thereon; and
- (c) the time by which the said aircraft are likely to be inducted into the Air Force?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): The Letter of Offer and Acceptance for procurement of six C-130J aircraft was signed with the Government of United States of America, on 31st January, 2008. The estimated cost of the procurement is Rs.3835.38 crores. The production of the aircraft has commenced and is running as per schedule. The aircraft are likely to be delivered to the Indian Air Force during 2011-2012.