

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:137
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PILATUS TRAINER AIRCRAFT
Ponnam Shri Prabhakar

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to induct Swiss Pilatus trainer aircraft into the Indian Air Force;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said aircrafts are likely to be inducted into the Indian Air Force?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A contract has been signed with M/s. Pilatus, Switzerland on 24th May, 2012 for procurement of 75 Pilatus PC-7 Mk-II Basic Trainer Aircraft (BTA) for the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- (c) The said aircrafts are likely to be inducted into the Indian Air Force by August, 2015.