

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:304

ANSWERED ON:06.08.2013

DEPLOYMENT OF DHRUV HELICOPTERS .

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any proposal to procure ALH-Dhruv helicopters for the paramilitary forces for use in operational activities and medical emergencies in Jammu and Kashmir, the North-East and against Maoist extremists:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the said helicopters are not able to perform up to the desired level;

(d) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) The remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): As reported by BSF, the existing BSF ALH-Dhruv helicopter fleet is deployed to provide air support to the troops engaged in Anti-Naxal Operation in LWE affected areas and for the air maintenance of BOPs in North-East region. The fleet of ALH/ Dhruv helicopter is performing the assigned tasks to its capability and being gainfully utilized in both the Sectors by the CAPFs.

(d): Does not arise in view of column 'c' above.

(e): required in view of column 'c' above.