

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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INDO FRANCE DEFENCE DEALS

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the discussions held with the Defence Minister of France during his visit to India recently and the agreements signed to the mutual benefits of both countries;
- (b) the present status of the deal for procuring 126 Rafale fighter jets for the Indian Air Force;
- (c) whether the Government has also negotiated for development of various defence related projects in the country including joint research and development and transfer of technology in defence sector; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) The Defence Minister of France visited India from 25-27 July, 2013. During his visit, issues relating to bilateral defence cooperation and security issues of mutual concern were discussed. No agreement was signed during the visit.
- (b) The proposal for procurement of 126 Medium Multi Role Aircraft for the Indian Air Force is at the stage of contract negotiation with the L1 vendor, M/s Dassault Aviation of France.
- (c) & (d) Government is taking various measures to build the capability of the Armed Forces including inter alia, through technology collaboration with foreign countries. This is an ongoing process.