

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FIGHTER SQUADRON IN IAF

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) is facing acute shortage of squadrons of fighter aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether some of the bidders have not included training cost or transfer of technology in their bids for supply of the aircraft;
- (d) if so, the measures taken / being taken to ensure that such provisions are also included in the biddings; and
- (e) the time by which IAF is likely to be provided with adequate number of fighter aircrafts?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): The Government constantly reviews the security environment and ensures that the IAF is fully equipped to meet the security challenges. The IAF is in the process of modernizing its fleet by procuring various aircrafts including the Sukhoi-30 MKI and the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft. In addition, existing fleets of aircraft such as Mirage- 2000, Jaguar and MiG-29 are being upgraded as per requirements.

The details regarding training cost or transfer of technology are provided by vendors as per the requirements included in the Request For Proposal (RFP) issued by the Ministry of Defence.