

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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FIGHTER SQUADRONS IN ARMED FORCES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number and details of Squadrons of Russian origin Mi-25 and Mi-35 attack helicopters available for operation in the armed forces;
- (b) whether the turf war within the Ministry exists to Own and Operate the attack helicopters;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the reaction of the Government thereto along with the steps taken to resolve the issue?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Presently, Indian Air Force operates Mi-25 and Mi-35 helicopters. These helicopters are distributed with two attack helicopter squadrons.
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) & (d): In view of the above, do not arise.