

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4302
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2009
SARAS AIRCRAFT
Siricilla Shri Rajaiah

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the India Post took keen interest in National Aerospace Laboratories (NALs) Saras Aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the purpose behind such move;
- (d) whether Memorandum of Understanding have been signed between the parties so far; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by India Post to use this aircraft?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

- (a)&(b) Yes Sir. India Post requested CSIR constituent laboratory, National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL), Bangalore to apprise them on the SARAS Aircraft.
- (c) India Post is contemplating to use SARAS Aircraft for carrying light weight cargo/ courier over short haul routes for quick distribution among them users.
- (d) No Sir.
- (e) Does not arise.