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PURCHASE OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force is facing shortage of fighter aircraft at present;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to purchase fighter aircraft from abroad and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government had signed an agreement for purchase of fighter aircraft from France and if so, the details and present status of delivery of the said aircraft thereof; and

(e) the time by which fighter aircraft from France are likely to be delivered?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): The requirement of fighter aircraft is periodically reviewed to ensure that the operational requirements of the Indian Air Force are met.

(c) to (e): A proposal to procure Medium Multi Role Combat Aircraft from M/s Dassault Aviation, France, is under consideration of the Government. However, no Agreement has been signed.