

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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REPLACEMENT OF AVRO FLEET  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has taken decision relating to replacement of Avro fleet for the Indian Air Force;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Airbus is likely to tie up with a private company to manufacture transport planes for Defence sector;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the quantum / percentage of anticipated / targeted FDI by Airbus for this purpose; and
- (e) whether decision in this regard has been taken by the Government and if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (e): Yes, Madam. A proposal to procure 56 transport aircraft as replacement for ageing fleet of Avro Aircraft through `Buy & Make` route has been accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) on 23.7.2012. Out of these, 40 aircraft will be manufactured in India by an Indian Production Agency (IPA) from the private sector. The IPA is to be chosen by the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM). The RFP for this project was issued to 08 foreign transport aircraft Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) on 8th May, 2013. Only one vendor has submitted techno-commercial bid in response to the RFP. An Independent Committee has been set up to look into various issues related to single vendor situation before decision is taken to progress the case.