

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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LIGHT UTILITY HELICOPTERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Armed Forces are grappling with shortage of light utility and anti-submarine warfare helicopters;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to produce in the country the required number of helicopters needed by the Army and the Indian Air Forces with foreign collaboration; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which there will be made available to the Indian Armed Forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (d): Defence forces have projected additional requirements of helicopters. The requirements are proposed to be met by fresh procurement under Buy & Make (Indian) category. The helicopters are available on successful conclusion of procurement case in accordance with the contract.