

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) is facing acute shortage of squadrons of fighter aircraft;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to buy latest fighter aircraft to improve defence of the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which IAF is likely to be provided with adequate number of fighter aircraft?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (e): The requirement of fighter aircraft is periodically reviewed and it is ensured that the operational requirements of the Indian Air Force (IAF) are met. The IAF is in the process of inducting additional Su-30 MKI aircraft, Light Combat aircraft (LCA). The procurement of Medium Multi Role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA) and Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA) is also being progressed. These would augment the operational strength of the IAF.