

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5079
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DELIVERY OF HELICOPTERS BY HAL
P. Shri Nagarajan

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) had proposed to deliver helicopters to Afghanistan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the delivery of helicopters to Afghanistan has been shelved; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Government of India has delivered three Cheetal Helicopters with allied equipment and spares to the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan based on the agreement with the Ministry of External Affairs. The helicopters were dispatched to Afghanistan on April 9, 2015. These helicopters have been test flown and accepted by Afghanistan pilots on 15th April, 2015.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise.