

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6259
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AIR WING OF BSF
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Border Security Force (BSF) has recently inducted two new choppers in its Air Wing for the Maoists affected areas for faster deployment and evacuation of troops posted in the Red Zone;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to induct more such choppers for BSF; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI KIREN RIJU)

(a) to (d): Government has approved procurement of 08 nos. of Mi-17 V5 helicopters for BSF Air Wing for Anti-naxal operations, Disaster Management functions, NSG requirements and other duties. The first batch of 02 helicopters has been inducted in BSF Air Wing in April, 2015.