

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Advanced Jet Trainer by HAL

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has been entrusted with the responsibility of building and production of Advanced Jet Trainers (AJT) for the Indian Air Force and the Navy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total cost of building AJT estimated at the time of giving this responsibility to the HAL and the cost escalation so far;
- (d) whether AJT Hawk trainer crashed recently; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective measures taken by the Government / HAL in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) A contract between BAES, UK and Ministry of Defence, India was signed on 26th March 2004 for induction of 66 Hawk Aircraft (Advanced Jet Trainer) to Indian Air Force (IAF). 24 Aircraft were to be procured directly from BAES and balance 42 Aircraft were to be manufactured under licence at HAL.

A contract for supply of additional 57 aircraft to IAF / Indian Navy was concluded on 23rd July 2010. (40 Hawk MK132 aircraft for IAF and 17 Hawk MK132 aircraft for Indian Navy).

(c) A Contract was signed between Ministry of Defence and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited on 21st February 2005 for manufacturing and supply of 42 Hawk AJT alongwith equipment and services for Indian Air Force at a total value of Rs.1982.21 crore.

A Contract was signed between Ministry of Defence and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited on 23rd July, 2010 for manufacturing and supply of 40 Hawk AJT alongwith equipment and services for Indian Air Force at a total value of Rs.6459.89 crore.

A Contract was signed between Ministry of Defence and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited on 23rd July, 2010 for manufacturing and supply of 17 Hawk AJT alongwith equipment and services for Indian Navy at a total value of Rs.3042.79 crore.

The Contract value in respect of all these three contracts is firm and fixed and there is no escalation for the contract value, except exchange rate variation on Foreign Exchange content and taxes.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. One Hawk Aircraft, (direct supply from BAES) crashed at AFS, Kalaikunda on 3rd June 2015. Air HQ has ordered a Court of Inquiry in this regard.
