

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Medium Transport Aircraft
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to utilize the services of private sector to supply medium transport aircraft to the Indian Air Force (IAF); and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the estimated cost of the project?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): A proposal to procure 56 transport aircraft as replacement for the ageing fleet of Avro aircraft through 'Buy & Make' route has been accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC). Out of these, 40 aircraft will be manufactured in India by an Indian Production Agency (IPA) from the private sector. Only one vendor has submitted techno-commercial bid in response to the RFP issued and DAC has also accorded approval to go ahead with the procurement process with the single bid received. The cost details are benchmarked and negotiated at contract negotiation stage.
