

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Purchase of Hawks Aircraft
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to purchase hawks aircraft manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for the Indian Air Force (IAF) Surya Kiran Aerobatics team;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has evaluated training of the IAF aerobatics team on stimulators instead of purchasing hawks aircraft; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): A case for the procurement of 20 additional Hawk Mk-132 aircraft is at Contract Negotiation stage. Formation Aerobatics will be one of the tasks carried out by these aircraft.

(c) & (d): Simulator is an effective training tool only for certain elements of formation flying. But Simulator cannot be substituted for the actual aircraft for training.
