

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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SHORTAGE OF AIRCRAFT

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is shortage of aircraft in the Indian Air Force at present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor and the steps taken to meet the shortage;
- (c) whether the shortage has been caused by the delay in delivery of aircraft by the concerned countries / companies; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor indicating the name of aircraft for which the delivery has been delayed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (d): The requirement of aircraft is periodically reviewed to ensure that the operational requirements of the Indian Air Force (IAF) are met. The IAF is in the process of inducting additional Su-30 MKI aircraft, Light Combat Aircraft (LCA). These would augment the operational strength of the IAF. In order to enhance the air-lift and heli-lift capability of the IAF, cases regarding procurement of additional transport aircraft and helicopters are also being progressed. In the case of LCA and Su-30 MKI aircraft, there has been delay in the delivery of aircraft by M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL).