

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3263
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NAVY HELICOPTERS .
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many helicopters used in Navy has been outdated and there is need to replace these;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has scrapped tender for importing utility helicopters to replace the ageing helicopters; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. Replacement of helicopters depends on the stipulated service life.
- (c) & (d): The Request For Proposal (RFP) issued for procurement of Naval Utility Helicopters has been retracted. Defence Acquisition Council in its meeting held on 29th August, 2014 has taken decision that the current tender for Naval Utility Helicopters was to be retracted and a fresh proposal under Buy & Make (Indian) category be initiated.