

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1451

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH DECEMBER, 2018

SHORTAGE OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFTS

1451. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:
SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a shortage of Fighter Aircrafts and Light Combat Aircrafts (LCAs) in the Indian Air Force;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether such shortage of Fighter Aircrafts including LCA has an adverse impact on National Security;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to make up the shortage?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(a) to (e): The modernization of the Armed Forces is an on-going process and is executed in consonance with the roadmap laid down in the Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP) and considering the current capabilities of the Armed Forces, the emerging threats in the region and the prevailing technological environment. In this regard, Government is constantly reviewing the security environment and is taking steps to ensure that the Indian Air Force (IAF) is fully equipped to meet the security challenges.

The issue of drawdown in the strength of the fighter squadron in the IAF is being given due emphasis. To meet the requirement of fighter aircraft of IAF, induction of the balance Su-30 MKI aircraft from HAL will be completed by 2020. Induction of LCA into the IAF has commenced and till date, ten LCA aircraft have been inducted. Induction of Rafale aircraft will commence from September, 2019. The RFP for procurement of 83 LCA Mk 1A has been issued in December 2017 to HAL.
