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Title: Regarding purchase of Rafale Jet Fighters.

PROF. SAUGATA ROY (DUM DUM): The Government's decision to purchase 36 Rafale Jet Fighters has given rise to too many questions. The Government bought the aircraft at a price of Rs. 1536 crores in place of Rs. 526 crores fixed during UPA regime. It also bought only 36 aircraft in place of 126 aircraft decided earlier.

Also the offset contract was given to the Reliance Aviation which intended an investment of Rs. 30,000 crores. Reliance is not having experience in the aviation industry. The former French President, Hollande had confirmed that the offset contract was given to Reliance at the behest of India government. This whole matter requires a thorough investigation. I demand that a Joint Parliamentary Committee be set up to investigate the issues regarding purchase of Rafale Aircraft from Dassault Aviation.