

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1317
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th March, 2023

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO HAL

1317. SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) has got orders worth several crores recently in respect of helicopter projects for export;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether HAL has got the infrastructure, manpower, and wherewithals to execute the orders in a time bound manner;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the support of the Ministry, including Ministry of Finance to ensure that the orders are executed comfortably?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): HAL had concluded a contract with Govt. of Mauritius on 17th January, 2022 for export of one Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mk III and associated deliverables. The total contract value is 17.670 million USD (around ₹141.52 crores). As per contract, the delivery was to be completed by 18 months, whereas HAL completed delivery ahead of schedule.

(c) & (d): HAL has got adequate infrastructure and experienced manpower in its facility at Bengaluru and also have well-developed eco-system, to execute the export orders in time bound manner. Further, HAL has augmented its infrastructural capability by opening a new facility (HAL Helicopter Factory) at Tumkur, Karnataka.

(e): Subject to strategic considerations, domestically manufactured defence products are being promoted through Lines of Credit/Funding including the platforms/systems from HAL. Government of India also offers indigenously manufactured platforms/systems on grant basis to Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) including the platforms/systems from HAL. Defence Attaches have been mandated for handholding of Indian defence companies including HAL in execution of their defence contracts. Defence Attaches are also provided with financial support to promote indigenous defence platforms.
