

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5058**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016

**SHORTAGE OF HELICOPTERS**

5058. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

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

- (a) whether there is shortage of helicopters in the defence forces at present;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the defence forces would be requiring new helicopters in the next decade;  
and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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**(a) to (d): Mismatch between requirement and availability do sometimes occur which is continually addressed through procurements. Further, capacity building of defence forces including acquisition of new helicopters depend upon threat perception, strategic objectives and operational requirements of the defence forces. This is a continuous process.**

**However, details of shortage of helicopters and number of new helicopters required in the next decade cannot be divulged in the interest of national security.**

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