

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.22

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 3RD FEBRUARY, 2017

FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

*22. SHRI PARESH RAVAL:
DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT:

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

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) has sufficient number of fighter aircraft to maintain its combat edge over adversaries and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to purchase new fighter aircraft for IAF and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up another production line besides the Tejas to manufacture fighter aircraft indigenously and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to strengthen the existing IAF fleet in order to maintain its combat edge over adversaries?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA
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(a) & (b): The Indian Air Force (IAF) is adequately equipped to cater for the threat environment that exists and is ready to meet the role assigned to it. Modernization of fighter fleet in the IAF is an ongoing process by procurement of state-of-the-art fighter aircraft which includes 36 Rafale Multirole Aircraft, contracted Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) and balance of already contracted Su-30 MKI aircraft. Further, procurement of additional LCA Mk-1A has also been approved.

(c) & (d): Augmentation of capabilities of IAF by way of procurement and indigenous production including its modernisation depends upon national security, strategic objectives and operational requirements of the defence forces and is reviewed by the Government from time to time. This is a dynamic and continuous process.
