## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4959 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 2017 RAFALE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

## 4959. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL:

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

(a) whether the Government has finalised a deal with Rafale for purchase of fighter aircraft;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has urged Rafale to set up a production unit for producing the parts of these aircraft in the country to take benefits of the offset agreement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWERMINISTER OF STATE(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)रारायमंगे(SI. सुभाष भामरे)

(a) to (d): An Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) has been signed with the Government of the Republic of France on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2016 for procurement of 36 Rafale fighter aircraft, along with initial consignment of weapons, maintenance support through Performance Based Logistics (PBL), simulators and associated equipment. The procurement includes a provision for offsets to be discharged by the vendors.

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