

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2675**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 1ST AUGUST, 2017/ SHRAVANA 10, 1939 (SAKA)

USE OF AIR POWER AGAINST NAXALS

**2675. SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR:
 SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:**

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to involve Army in the fight against naxals in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is also considering to use air power to beat the naxal;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government has assured to provide dedicated MI-17 helicopters to supplement anti LWE efforts to the State Government of Odisha; and

(f) if so, the progress and time by which the MI-17 helicopters are likely to be made available to the State?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)**

(a) to (d): No Madam.

(e) & (f): The Centre has not given any assurance to the Government of Odisha for provision of dedicated MI-17 helicopters.
