

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.930**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2017

**LIGHT COMBAT AIRCRAFT**

930. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE please be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is shortage of light combat aircraft in the Indian Air Force (IAF);
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor along with the present status of availability of light combat aircraft in IAF; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of such aircraft?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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**(a) to (c): The modernization of the Armed Forces is an on-going process and is executed in consonance with the roadmap laid down in the Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP) and considering the current capabilities of the Armed Forces, the emerging threats in the region and the prevailing technological environment. Government is constantly reviewing the security environment and steps are being taken to ensure that the Indian Air Force (IAF) is fully equipped to meet the security challenges.**

**The induction of light combat aircraft in the IAF has commenced. Further, Acceptance of Necessity has been accorded by Defence Acquisition Council for procurement of additional light combat aircraft.**

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