

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1986
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH MARCH, 2018

PROCUREMENT OF MRH

1986. SHRI PRATHAP SIMHA:
KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE:

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

- (a) whether the Navy proposed to buy new Multi-Role Helicopters (MRH) aimed at replacing the Sea King 42/42A Helicopters and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether shortage of MRH has forced the Navy to ration its helicopter resources;
- (c) whether the Navy also plans to buy Naval Utility Helicopters (NUH) to replace its outdated fleet of Chetak choppers and Naval Multi-Role Helicopters (NMRH) and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government plans to buy NUH and NMRH under Make in India Programme or Strategic Partnership Model, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether majority of India's 140 Warships are operating without integral utility helicopters; and
- (f) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government to accelerate Naval helicopter programmes and keep the force mission ready, in view of Chinese presence in the Indian Ocean region?

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(a) to (f): The operational requirement of Indian Navy is being met with the existing fleet of helicopters. However, based on prevailing security scenario, the force levels including helicopters such a NUH, MRH and NMRH are being enhanced in accordance with the Maritime Capability Perspective Plan (MCPP) and Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP).
