

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6119**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2018

**AEROSPACE UNIVERSITY**

6119. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL ðNISHANKö:

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

- (a) the current status of setting up of Aerospace university under Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in the country;
- (b) the location identified for the purpose and the time by which the university is likely to be set up along with the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (c) the names of International institutions likely to be associated with the said University along with the names of faculties / departments on which special emphasis is proposed to be given in the University?

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MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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**(a) The Expert Group under the chairmanship of Shri B.K. Chaturvedi, the then Member, Planning Commission constituted by the Government for restructuring and strengthening of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) had recommended setting up of a Aerospace University. The recommendation has been accepted by the Government.**

**The Detailed Project Report (DPR) on establishment of Aerospace University (re-named as HAL Aeronautical Institute) has been approved by HAL Board.**

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Subsequently, the DPR was reviewed and it was suggested that for the formation of the Institute through an Act of Parliament, the Structure should be in line with relevant Rules, Regulations & Procedures in vogue in other Central Universities / Institutes. HAL's role would be initial facilitating the establishment of the proposed University and providing initial Secretarial help only. As regards managing the University / Institute, a separate well defined model would be worked out.

In the above background, the HAL Board in its 409<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 02.02.2018 has accorded approval for the following:

- (i) HAL cannot consider setting up a Private University, even in collaboration with other Organizations like DRDO, Private Industries, etc.
- (ii) Agreeing with the Ministry's suggestion that HAL may provide initial support & Secretarial assistance for facilitating the establishment of the University, on the lines of a Central University. HAL will have no direct role in setting up / running of the proposed University / Institute.
- (iii) HAL will authorize the Society of HAL Aeronautics Research and Technologies Institute to modify the relevant aspects of the DPR.

In view of above, the Society of HAL Aeronautics Research and Technologies Institute has been advised to revise the DPR suitably, for submission to the Ministry for further consideration.

(b) Requirement of 200 Acres of Land and Capital Expenditure of approximately Rs.592 crore are estimated for establishment of the University, in the DPR. Location can be decided based on the offer of Land by the concerned State Government.

Time frame would depend on receipt of required clearances, approvals etc. from the concerned Ministries / Agencies.

(c) The International Institutions to be associated with the proposed Institute, if any, and faculties / Departments likely to be given special emphasis in the University have not yet been decided.

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