

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3488
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 2ND JANUARY, 2019

TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT

3488. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to promote private sector entry into the domestic aerospace arena through a project to supply transport aircraft to the Indian Air Force (IAF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether some Government agencies have raised their objections to this move;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to sort out this issue; and
- (e) the other steps taken by the Government to replace the ageing fleet of transport aircraft of IAF?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) & (b): To replace the ageing Avro aircraft and to promote participation of Private Sector in Defence manufacturing, Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) accorded approval for Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) of transport aircraft under 'Buy and Make' category in July, 2012. The proposal envisages OEM to supply 16 aircraft in flyaway condition and the balance 40 aircraft to be manufactured in India by the OEM selected Indian Production Agency (IPA).

(c) & (d): There were several representations for and against the RFP dated 8th May 2013. The Ministry of Law opined that the RFP does not suffer from any illegality.

(e) The government has procured C-130 Aircraft for special operations and C-17 Heavy lift aircraft. The deliveries of Dornier Aircraft from HAL are underway.
