

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5168**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2019

**AIRCRAFT IN IAF**

5168. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any deficiency of fighter aircraft in the Indian Air Force;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the time since when there is such deficiency; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the requirement of fighter aircraft?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

रक्षा राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(श्री श्रीपाद नाईक)

(a) & (b): The Indian Air Force is adequately equipped to cater for the threat environment that exists and is ready to meet the role assigned to it. Modernization of fighter fleet in the IAF is an ongoing process and a two-pronged approach has been adopted by midlife upgradation of legacy aircraft to retain their operational relevance and induction of new aircraft.

(c) Augmentation of capabilities of Indian Air Force by way of procurement and indigenous production including its modernisation depends upon national security, strategic objectives and operational requirements of defence forces and is reviewed by the Government from time to time. This is a dynamic and continuous process.

\*\*\*\*\*