2636. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:

DR. T.R. PAARIVENDHAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Air Force (IAF) has permitted to operate Sukhoi-30 fighters from four civilian airports in case of hostilities;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the IAF has any proposal to operate these fighters from some civilian airports in southern parts of the country; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

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(a) to (d): As per philosophy of the Indian Air Force, all airfields in India would be utilised for fighter/transport/helicopter operations depending upon contingencies and the ability of airfields to support operations would be based on the available infrastructure.

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