GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2854 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th March, 2020

AEROSPACE UNIVERSITY

2854. SHRI RAVI KISHAN: SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

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

(a) whether Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has decided to set up Aerospace University in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified for this purpose and the expense likely to be incurred thereon;

(c) the names of the International Institutes likely to be associated with the said university along with the faculty/departments which are likely to be an important part in this university; and

(d) the present status of the setting up of the university and the time by which it is likely to start functioning?

<u>ANSWER</u>

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

(श्री श्रीपाद नाईक)

(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 an Aerospace University.

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A Detailed Project Report (DPR) on establishment of Aerospace University was prepared by a HAL-established Society named 'Society for HAL Aeronautics Research & Technologies Institute' and approved by HAL Board.

Subsequently, the DPR was reviewed in this Ministry 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 facilitating the establishment of the proposed University and providing secretarial help.

After deliberation in their 409th Board Meeting held on 02.02.2018, HAL has decided that they cannot consider setting up an Aerospace University, even in collaboration with the other Organisations like DRDO, Private Industries, etc.

(b) to (d): Does not arise in view of (a) above.
