

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 465**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2022

**DORNIER AIRCRAFT**

465. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:  
SHRI C.R. PATIL:  
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:  
SHRI UNMESH BHAIYYASAHEB PATIL:  
SHRIMATI APARUPA PODDAR:  
DR. HEENA GAVIT:  
DR. KRISHNA PAL SINGH YADAV:  
DR. SUJAY RADHAKRISHNA VIKHE PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has plans for the development and production of Dornier aircraft and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has initiated steps for research and development in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to sign any Memorandum of Understanding with a foreign player/ company in this regard and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has identified any facility for the production of Dornier Aircraft and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the quantum of funds allocated for research and development of Dornier Aircraft?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) Yes, Sir. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) a Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU) under the Ministry of Defence has been manufacturing 19 Seater Dornier Do-228 aircraft since 1983 under Transfer of Technology from Germany. More than 150 military

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Do-228 aircrafts have been produced and supplied to various customers. Two civil Do-228 aircrafts have also been produced by HAL.

(b) The Research & Development efforts for an indigenous civil transport aircraft have been initiated by HAL to develop a prototype Hindustan-228 aircraft, based on Dornier Do-228 platform.

(c) HAL has signed two MoUs with foreign companies for exploration of possible co-operation with no financial commitment, regarding development of an amphibian variant of Hindustan-228 aircraft.

(d) HAL's Transport Aircraft Division (TAD) at Kanpur was identified as production agency for the Do-228 in 1983.

(e) For development of Hindustan-228 prototype and indigenization of the various systems, HAL has allocated Rs. 94.41 Cr from its internal resources.

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