

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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MANUFACTURING OF LIGHT AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the time by which the light aircraft `Saras` is likely to be manufactured indigenously;
- (b) the seating capacity of the aircraft;
- (c) whether the Government are seeking co-operation of private companies in its production; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

- (a) `Saras`, India`s first light aircraft is expected to go into indigenous production by the year 2004.
- (b) The maximum seating capacity of this aircraft is 14.
- (c) and (d): Yes, Sir. During the development phase of this aircraft, some of the design work, several of the components and some assembly work is being done by about 20 private companies in and around Bangalore. It is envisaged that due to their experience during the development phase some of them will also be involved in the production phase.