

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2502  
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MID AIR REFUELLING FACILITY  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Indian Air Force has proposed to introduce mid air refuelling of aircraft facility;
- (b) if so, the number of refuellers to be inducted in the Air Force;
- (c) whether all aircraft of Indian Air Force would be fitted with gadgets for availing this facility; and
- (d) if so, the time by which all aircraft are likely to be provided mid air refuelling facility?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) & (b) : Six IL-78 Flight Refueling Aircraft are planned to be inducted into the Indian Air Force.
- (c) & (d) : It would not be in the interest of national security to disclose the information.