

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MANUFACTURING OF ADVANCE JET TRAINERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Advance Jet Trainers (AJTs) being manufactured by the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd; and
- (b) the time by which these are likely to be inducted into the Armed Forces?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

- (a) The project activities for manufacture of Hawk Advanced Jet Trainer aircraft (AJT) under licence from BAE Systems (Operations) Limited are progressing on schedule at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).
- (b) Delivery of the AJTs to be manufactured at HAL to Indian Air Force is planned to commence from 2007-2008.

These are at various stages of implementation. However, no timeframe can be given since it involves coordination with various agencies for implementing the same.