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DEVELOPMENT OF INDIGENOUS AWACS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has shortlisted a few foreign aircraft manufacturers to purchase the aircraft needed for developing indigenous Air Borne Early Warning and Control System for the Air Force;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for transparent and fair deal?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b): Operational requirements for the Air Borne Early Warning and Control System platform are being finalized in consultation with the Indian Air Force. Tender notice for the platform has not yet been issued.
- (c) In all procurements, established procurement procedures and guidelines of Central Vigilance Commission are followed to ensure transparency and fair deal.