

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF AIR WING BY ITBP
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the ITBP proposes to set up a Air wing to deal with the challenges being faced by the them;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) the the details of the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred in setting up of said wing;
- (d) the action taken by the Government on the said proposal; and
- (e) the time by which by the Air wing of ITBP will start operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKSH JAISWAL)

(a)&(b): ITBP has proposed to procure nine helicopters for providing operational support to their units located on the international borders. The air support includes maintaining border outposts, aerial reccee, visit and inspections of supervisory officers, casualty evacuation and operation of regular courier services.

(c) to (e) The Ministry has set up a high level committee to evaluate and assess the requirement to provide dedicated air support to all the Central Para Military Forces (including ITBP) in view of increasing operational commitments projected by them and work out the minimum number of aircrafts needed vis-À-vis the existing fleet and the cost of acquisition.