

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to acquire indigenous 'Nishant' Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) for Armed Forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be acquired;
- (e) whether there is also any proposal to procure UAVs from other countries; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): Supply order for Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) has been placed on Aeronautical Development Establishment, Bangalore, at a total cost of Rs. 234.59 crores.

(d) Four UAVs will be supplied within 24 months and thereafter confirmatory trials/evaluation will be done for six months. The remaining quantity will be supplied within 24 months after the clearance/successful completion of confirmatory trials.

(e) & (f): High Altitude long duration UAVs not yet developed in the country are under consideration for procurement ex import.