

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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REPAIRING OF AEROPLANES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 80-85 percent of aircraft are out of order as reported in 'Navbharat Times' dated 16th September, 2005;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof;
- (c) the steps taken to deal with this situation;
- (d) whether the Government is interacting with any foreign company to repair these aircraft; and
- (e) if so, the time by which the agreement in this regard is likely to be reached?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

(d) & (e): To sustain aircraft serviceability, the IAF and the Ministry of Defence regularly interact with indigenous and foreign manufacturers/vendors for repair and supply of requisite spares. Contractual agreements with them are an on-going process.