

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3442

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OFFER OF P-3C ORION RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT BY USA

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the USA has offered two P-3C Orion reconnaissance aircraft to Indian Navy;
- (b) if so, the terms and conditions thereof;
- (c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;
- (d) whether the Indian Navy is considering to buy such planes from other countries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): The USA has indicated that two P-3C Orion aircraft could be made available on lease. No formal offer has, however, been received from the USA in this regard. The likely cost and other terms and conditions of the lease have not been received. A case for acquisition of Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance Anti-Submarine Warfare (LRMRASW) aircraft is under consideration for replacing the existing TU 142 M aircraft.