

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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JOINING OF AIR FORCE PERSONNEL IN UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Air Force has joined UN Peacekeeping Force in Sudan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the terms and conditions applicable to Air Force personnel who joined UN Peacekeeping Force in Sudan; and
- (d) the number of Aircraft and personnel sent to Sudan so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): An Aviation contingent consisting of six MI-17 helicopters and 196 personnel (188 Air force personnel and 8 Army personnel) have been deployed in Sudan for a period of one year, as part of the United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping operations. This is an ongoing activity and the terms and conditions of the personnel deployed in this Mission are governed by the orders/instructions issued by the UN/Government in this regard.