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INDUCTION OF AWACS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Air Force and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) have firmed up the aircraft for mounting the indigenous Air Borne Warning and Control System (AWACS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the cost involved therein;
- (c) whether DRDO has given its technical inputs to Indian Air Force (IAF) regarding the short listed aircraft;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the likely time taken in carrying out modifications in the aircraft?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) & (b): The Operational Requirements (ORs) are being finalized in consultation with IAF.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Performance trade-offs and optimization of Operational Requirements (ORs) for a complete aircraft have been provided to IAF commensurate with mission requirement.
- (e) Modified aircraft is expected to be ready for certification in 24 months. Certification, acceptance and integration of various indigenous Air Borne Warning and Control Systems (AWACS) would take another 24 months. Therefore, a fully equipped indigenous AWACS aircraft is estimated to be ready in 48 months from the date of availability of aircraft.