

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UPGRADATION OF LONG RANGE MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any contract for upgradation of IL 38 Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft for the use of Indian Navy was concluded with Russia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total expenditure involved therein; and
- (c) the time schedule for delivery of the said Aircraft?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): A contract for Mid Life Upgrade of five IL 38 Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft at a cost of US \$ 144.5 million was concluded with Russia. The upgrade includes improved avionics and weapon/sensor package. The first of the upgraded Aircraft was delivered to the Indian Navy in December 2005. The remaining four upgraded Aircraft are likely to be delivered by March 2007.