

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PURCHASE OF HELICOPTERS

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to procure MI-17 helicopters for Armed Forces as reported in the Dainik Jagaran dated April 20, 2006;
- (b) if so, the number of such helicopters proposed to be procured along with the estimated cost thereof;
- (c) the names of the companies from which these are likely to be procured; and
- (d) the time by which these are likely to be procured?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (d): Government constantly reviews the security environment and accordingly decides to induct appropriate equipment and to make arrangements for adequate defence preparedness. The purchase of helicopters for the Air Force is made in accordance with the established Defence Procurement Procedure. This procedure envisages a time frame of 2-3 years for conclusion of contract in such major purchases. It would not be in the interest of national security to give further details.