

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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MANUFACTURING OF SUKHOI MKI FIGHTERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has asked the Hindustan Aeronautic Limited (HAL) to speed up manufacturing of Sukhoi-30 MKI fighters;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of delivery schedules fixed by HAL for such fighters; and
- (d) the steps taken for timely manufacturing of said fighters by HAL?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The sanction of the Government has been conveyed to the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) for compression of the delivery schedule of SU-30 MKI aircraft from 14 years to 11 years.

(c) & (d): The aircraft would be delivered in 11 years. To meet the delivery schedule, the rate of production of aircraft is increased with the help of collaborators.