

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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COMBAT SQUADRON STRENGTH
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether even with the planned induction of aircraft during 2005-2017, there would be any deficiencies in the combat squadron strength against the authorised strength at the end of X, XI & XII Plan periods; and

(b) if so, the efforts made to maintain the authorised strength in the interest of the security of the nation?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Government constantly review the security environment and accordingly decide to induct appropriate equipment and to make other arrangements for adequate defence preparedness to enhance combat strength in terms of quality and quantity. It would not be in the interest of national security to give further details.