

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF 66 HAWK AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the type of aircraft which is used currently for training of IAF personnel;
- (b) whether the Indian Air Force has decided to procure 66 Hawk aircraft from the United Kingdom;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether this type of aircraft is not modern aircraft of international standard; and
- (e) if so, the justification for procuring such aircraft?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) For flying training of Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel, HPT-32, Kiran Mk-1, Kiran Mk-1A and MiG-21 aircraft are currently being used.
- (b) to (e): Government have approved the induction of 66 Hawk Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) aircraft from M/s. BAE Systems of the United Kingdom. Hawk AJT is a modern aircraft of international standard. 24 of such aircraft will be supplied by BAE Systems in flyaway condition and the remaining 42 aircraft will be licensed and manufactured in India by M/s. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).