

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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AUGMENTATION OF FLEET STRENGTH
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to augment the fleet strength of Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited during 2006-07;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the new helicopter services proposed to be started during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- As per the approved Plan for the year 2006-07, Pawan Hans Helicopters Limited (PHHL) is to acquire 2 new medium helicopters during the year 2006-07. Accordingly, PHHL has signed contract for purchase of two Dauphin N3 helicopters in May, 2006.

(c):- PHHL has plans for leasing their helicopters on wet lease basis to the State Governments of Nagaland, Gujarat and Uttaranchal for connecting important tourist and religious places.