

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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

(a) Whether the international competition has accelerated to sell fighter planes to the Indian Army after signing of defence co-operation agreement between India and the US; and

(b) If so, the names of the aircraft the Government is likely to give priority for the Army ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a)&(b) : Government constantly review the security environment and accordingly decide to induct appropriate equipment and to make other arrangements for adequate defence preparedness. The purchase of fighter aircraft required for the Air Force is made in accordance with the established Defence Procurement Procedure.