

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:443
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MANUFACTURING OF HELICOPTERS BY HAL
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) proposes to manufacture about 130 helicopters in cooperation with US Major M/s BELL;
- (b) If so, the details thereof ;
- (c) Whether the arrangements have been made by the Indian Army to replace ageing Chetak; and
- (d) If so, the number of helicopters the Army has planned to replace ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c)&(d) : Procurement action has been initiated for replacement of Cheetah/ Chetak helicopters of Indian Army in accordance with the extant procedure contained in Defence Procurement Procedure along with Transfer of Technology for M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL).