

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2219  
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ACQUISITION OF BUSINESS JETS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has inducted business jets into the fleet of IAF for VVIPs travel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the cost of each plane;
- (c) whether it is also proposed to acquire more jets in the near future; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Four executive jets have been inducted into the fleet of IAF in pursuance of the contract concluded by the Government during September, 2003 with M/s Embraer Brazil. The cost of the four aircraft along with the logistics support is approximately Rs.531 Crores.

(c) & (d): Government have concluded a contract with M/s Boeing, USA during October, 2005 for procurement of three Boeing Business Jets. These are being procured in replacement of the existing two Boeing 737-200 aircraft with the IAF Communication Squadron for meeting the travel requirement of the VIPs and other dignitaries.