

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:407  
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DEPLOYMENT OF DHRUV HELICOPTERS  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of 'Dhruv' helicopters in the fleet of the Indian Air Force at present;
- (b) whether the 'Dhruv' helicopter met with an accident during the Aero India Show recently;
- (c) if so, whether the Government has got investigated the causes of crash of the said helicopter;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (e) the total number of such helicopters yet to be delivered by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited to the Indian Armed Forces along with the issues discussed by the Government with HAL;
- (f) whether the Government is reconsidering on the project of the said helicopters and proposes to put a ban on procurement of said helicopters; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) A total number of 20 Dhruv helicopters have been inducted into the Indian Air Force so far.
- (b) One Dhruv helicopter met with an accident on 2.2.2007 while practicing for the Aero India Show recently.
- (c) & (d): All such accidents are investigated through a Court of Inquiry and remedial measures are undertaken accordingly.
- (e) The Procurement of helicopters through Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd is done in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract signed by the Armed Forces.
- (f) No, Sir.
- (g) Does not arise.