

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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JOINT MANUFACTURING OF F-18 FIGHTER PLANES WITH USA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Boeing of USA has expressed willingness to manufacture jointly F-18 fighter planes;
- (b) if so, the details of the proposal;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to acquire F-18 fighter planes; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): The purchase of fighter aircraft is made in accordance with the established Defence Procurement Procedure. Request For Proposal (RFP) for procurement of fighter aircraft including Transfer of Technology (TOT) for manufacture under licence as per need, is issued to the known vendors who are likely to meet the requirements of the Air Force.