

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1553  
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TRAINING TO PILOTS ABROAD  
Kushwaha Shri Narendra Kumar

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Indian Air Force has formulated any scheme in regard to get training in foreign countries;
- (b) if so, the names of those countries from where the training is likely to be taken;
- (c) whether the Government propose to purchase 66 Hawk and MK-128 jet aircraft from Britain for training purpose;
- (d) if so, whether any agreement has been signed in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the amount likely to be spent on purchase of these aircraft?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) United Kingdom.
- (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have approved acquisition of 66 HAWK Advance Jet Trainer (AJT) aircraft. However, there is no proposal under consideration for purchase of MK-128 Jet aircraft.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) It would not be desirable to disclose the details regarding the purchase of aircraft, in the national interest.