

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ADVANCED LIGHT HELICOPTER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a number of Advanced Light Helicopters (ALHs) are being frequently grounded because of paucity of spares and serviceability problems;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to meet the requirements of spares and serviceability problems;
- (c) the time of induction of Advanced Light Helicopter into the Armed Forces; and
- (d) the details of the ALH production programme and targets thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) is the first attempt at indigenous production. Teething problems occurred in the initial stages.

The serviceability of ALH has shown improvement over a period of time with extensive product support provided by M/s. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in the areas of supply of spares, tools & other equipment and also technical & logistics support at operational bases. In order to support the ALH in a full integrated manner, HAL has set up a new division for maintenance and overhaul of all critical systems including engines, avionics, transmission system etc. fitted on ALH.

(c) The ALH was inducted in the Armed Forces in 2001-2002.

(d) A total of 61 ALHs have been produced so far. Production programme is in accordance with the requirement of the Armed Forces.