

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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PILOTLESS AIRCRAFT LAKSHYA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the pilotless aircraft Lakshya has been manufactured as per the requirements ;
- (b) if so, the number of the said aircraft inducted for use of the Defence Services alongwith the cost of each of the aircraft ;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to sell the said indigenous aircraft to other countries; and
- (d) the countries which have expressed interest in purchasing the Lakshya aircraft ?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. So far 23 Pilotless Target Aircraft (PTA) Lakshya have been inducted into the Defence Services. The production cost of one aircraft is Rs.293.75 lakh.

(c) & (d): Now, some countries, like Singapore, Malaysia and Israel Navy have expressed interest for `paid demonstration` of the Lakshya aircraft as a target. We have already conducted a similar `paid demonstration` to Israel's Air Force during the year 2002.