

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1250
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DEVELOPMENT OF ADVANCE JET TRAINERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Advanced Jet Trainers aircraft has been developed indigenously;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the time by which Advanced Jet Trainers would be developed indigenously and inducted into Indian Air Force;
- (d) the expenditure incurred by the Government on the project so far;
- (e) whether the Government has received any proposal from Russia regarding manufacturing of the State of the art Advanced Jet Trainer aircraft jointly;
- (f) if so, the response of the Government thereto;
- (g) whether there is any proposal to supply the spares of these aircraft to other countries; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) The matter regarding indigenous development of Advanced Jet Trainers is at a very preliminary stage and it is too early to determine the time frame for its development and induction in the Air Force.
- (d) No expenditure has been incurred so far.
- (e) The Russian Government had offered the MIG AT for the Advanced Jet Trainer acquisition programme.
- (f) The Indian Air Force evaluated MIG AT as unsuitable.
- (g) No, Sir.
- (h) Does not arise.