

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ADVANCED JET TRAINER
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the inability of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to meet the delivery schedule of the Hawk-132 advanced jet trainer has delayed the pilot training programme of Indian Air Force;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to meet the delivery schedule?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): The Hawk Mk-132 Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) was inducted into the IAF in 2008 as a fighter trainer with the aim to replace the Kiran Mk-II / MiG-21 route of training. Keeping in view the delay in delivery of Hawk by HAL due to receipt of defective components, jigs and fixtures from the foreign manufacturer on whom liquidated damages were levied, the original training plan by Hawk for 2010-2011 has been modified and pilots of the Indian Air Force (IAF) are being trained on the MiG-21 aircraft. Induction of aircraft for training in the Indian Air Force is a continuous process.