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Title: Regarding India's purchase of Sukoi-3D aircraft from Russia.

SHRI G. PUTTA SWAMY GOWDA (HASSAN): Sir, six years ago, an agreement was signed between India and Russia for the supply of SUKOI-30 aircraft. The then Prime Minister and the Defence Minister had assured the nation of acquiring the most modern aircraft, SUKOI-30, for our Army. It is also reliably learnt that a substantial amount of Rs.3000 crore has been paid by India to Russia for purchase of these aircraft. Now, six years have lapsed and the nation has been kept in the dark. The Centre owes an explanation to the entire nation in this very serious matter. Even Russia itself is not using these aircrafts as the production process is not complete.

Under these circumstances, how can India get SUKOI-30 aircraft? In our country, every now and then, defence air crashes take place and pilots are losing their lives. It is because the aircraft that they are using are almost out of date. It, therefore, becomes the moral duty of the Government of India to tell this august House about the entire episode regarding the purchase of SUKOI-30 aircraft. The Government should buy scientific and reliable aircraft immediately in order to save the lives of our pilots and to strengthen our aircraft fleet.

I demand that this Government should come out with a White Paper regarding this entire deal without any further delay.

13.16 hrs.

The Lok Sabha then adjourned for Lunch till Fourteen of the Clock.

*The Lok Sabha re-assembled after Lunch at eight minutes
past Fourteen of the Clock.*

(Shri Devendra Prasad Yadav in the Chair)