

(b) the details of purchase of defence related aircrafts, maritime carriers and other accessories from the United States during the said period; and

(c) the total cost involved in these purchases?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) Procurement of defence items is made from various indigenous as well as foreign sources including United States of America (USA) in accordance with the defence procurement procedure. This is a continuous process undertaken for the modernization of the Armed Forces to keep them in a State of readiness to meet any eventuality. Contracts have been signed for purchase of various defence equipment including C-130J Transport Aircraft, VVIP Boeing, Harpoon Missiles, Sensor Fused Weapons, C-17 Globemaster-III, INS Jalashwa, P-81 LRMR Aircraft etc. from the USA during the period from 2004 to 2011.

(c) The total value of contracts signed with USA during the period 2004-2011 under Capital acquisition is around Rs. 37,181 crore.

Purchase of 10 C-17 Globemaster-III aircraft

1115. SHRI SHYAMAL CHAKRABORTY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had accorded approval to buy 10 C-17 Globemaster-III aircraft for the Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the total expenditure to be incurred;

(c) the delivery schedule of these aircraft; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the purchase of 10 C-17 Globemaster-III military transport aircraft, will support an estimated 20,000 jobs in the United States as claimed by President Barack Obama?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) for procurement of ten C-17 Globemaster-III aircraft alongwith associated equipment was signed on 14th June, 2011.

(b) The cost of the procurement is USD 4,116,080,586.00.

(c) The delivery of these aircraft will commence from June, 2013 and is expected to be completed by June, 2015.

(d) The Government has no information on this aspect.

Naxalites expanding their base in urban areas

†1116. SHRI BALAVANT ALIAS BAL APTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.