

Modernisation of IAF

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Air Force needs modernization at a rapid pace to match with other Air Forces;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is stressing on self-reliance on this issue, particularly in acquiring aircrafts and other equipments indigenously produced; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) and (b) Sir, modernization of the Indian Air Force (IAF) is an on-going process and steps have been taken to meet the operational requirements of the IAF keeping in view the evolving security challenges. The IAF Long Term Perspective Plan (LTPP) envisages procurement of various aircraft and equipment for the next 15 years (2012-2027). This plan lays down the roadmap for the capability building and enhancement of the combat potential of the IAF.

(c) and (d) All Capital procurements of IAF are undertaken as per the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP). The 'Buy and Make', 'Buy and Make (Indian)' and 'Make' categories of procurements in DPP provide avenues for participation by the domestic industry in defence procurements.

Naval base of China in Indian Ocean

2842. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that China has established a Naval base in the Island of Seychelles on the Indian Ocean;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what is the reaction of Government over this development in the context of the security of the nation?

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) As per the information available in the Ministry of Defence no such Naval base has been established by China in Seychelles.

- (b) and (c) Does not arise.