

**Defence Land Scams**

1599. SHRI RAMKRIPAL YADAV : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any report for Hyderabad Cricket Association land scam, which is Defence land;

(b) whether Government has any report on NOC scam of Srinagar Airfield, which is also Defence land;

(c) whether Government has also any report on Jodhpur land scam, wherein Directorate General of Defence Estates got himself involved; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by Government in above matters so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY) : (a) to (d) It is reported that a lease agreement in respect of defence land in Secunderabad Cantonment was executed irregularly by the Defence Estates Officer, Secunderabad with the Hyderabad Cricket Association in 2010. In this regard, disciplinary action has been initiated against the then Defence Estates Officer of Secunderabad.

On receipt of complaint in a matter related to issuing of NOC of defence land at Srinagar a preliminary enquiry was conducted. It was found that prima-facie there have been irregularities in the issues of NOCs which may have wider implications. One Defence Estates Officer and one Sub-divisional Officer (Grade-I) of the Defence Estates have been suspended. In order to get the matter thoroughly investigated and fix responsibility, the Government have entrusted the responsibility to CBI.

A portion of land in village Jodhpur in Rajasthan under the occupation of the Local Military Authority was vacated in 2007. The matter is being enquired.

**Production Delay in Tejas**

1600. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Defence Public Sector Undertaking, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has been criticized for production delays in the Tejas which had led to the MIG-21 remaining in service beyond its service life;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry has called on HAL to strengthen itself with strategic alliances and joint ventures and also to invest more in R&D to remain globally competitive;