

**Helicopter manufacturing unit at Bidar, Karnataka**

4544. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any helicopter manufacturing unit is running at Bidar district of Karnataka under the Ministry;

(b) whether Karnataka Government has made any proposal for this project of Bidar district; and

(c) if so, the details of progress made, and by when it will be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
(SHRI JITENDRA SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government of Karnataka has offered 1060 acres of Government Land in Bidar District to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), to set up Helicopter Manufacturing Unit. HAL is presently exploring the possibility of acquiring suitable Defence Land for setting up Production Division for Helicopters.

**Fresh tenders applied by companies involved  
in VVIP helicopter deal scam**

4545. SHRI ALOK TIWARI:

SHRI ARVIND KUMAR SINGH:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the tainted companies in VVIP helicopters deal have applied for tenders for supply of helicopters for Indian Coast Guards and Navy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these above companies have been blacklisted by Government for involvement in bribery in VVIP helicopter deal;

(d) if so, the details thereof and how they have applied for fresh tenders;

(e) if not, the reasons for not blacklisting these companies; and

(f) by when these companies would be blacklisted?