Modernization of HVF and EFA, Avadi

2546. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has formulated any comprehensive plan for modernization of Heavy Vehicle Factory (HVF) and Engine Factory (EFA) both located in Avadi in Tamil Nadu;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof; and
 - (c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following projects for creating/augmenting capacity in Heavy Vehicle Factory (HVF) and Engine Factory (EFA) in Avadi have been sanctioned by the Ministry since August, 2010:

Sl.No.	Description of project	Project cost (₹ in crore)
1.	Creation of capacity for production of T-72 tank based variants at HVF Avadi	279.63
2.	Augmentation of production capacity of engines at Engine Factory Avadi.	350.56
3.	Augmentation of production capacity of spares for overhauling of tanks at HVF and EFA.	367.52
4.	Augmentation of production capacity of T-90 tanks at HVF, Avadi.	971

The above projects include procurement of state of the art plant and machinery and other equipments at the two factories involved.

(c) Does not arise.

Operationalization at Phalodi Airport, Rajasthan

 $\dagger 2547.$ SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) by when the airport at Phalodi in Jodhpur district of Rajasthan would be functional;

[†]Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.