

**Upgradation of Jaguar Fighters and Trainers**

1495. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present status with regard to upgradation of deep penetration Jaguar Fighters and Jaguar Trainers indigenously by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore;

(b) the details of present status with regard to upgradation of Jaguar prototype with the navigation and weapon attack sub-system, indigenously by HAL and Defence Avionics Research Establishment;

(c) whether the Government has released sufficient funds for these projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE): (a) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has entered into a contract with Indian Air Force for undertaking series upgradation of Jaguar Aircrafts.

(b) Two prototypes have been upgraded and flown successfully. Limited initial operation clearance for the aircraft has been achieved.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Payments are released as per the terms of the contract.

(e) Does not arise.

**Shortage of bullet proof jackets**

†1496. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army is facing acute shortage of bullet proof jackets;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.