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RAJYA SABHA

Entry of HAL into global civilian aircraft market

802. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) which are the aircrafts now being manufactured and proposed to be built by the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bangalore;

(b) the steps so far taken to enter the global civilians aircraft market; and

(c) the details of the negotiations for procuring orders for the aircrafts manufactured by HAL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI .B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) The aircrafts manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) are: Jaguar International Aircraft, Sukhoi-30 MKI, Domier-228, Light Combat Aircraft, Intermediate Jet Trainer, Advanced Light Helicopter, Cheetah/Chetak Helicopters and Pilotless Target Aircraft.

The future projects for manufacturing of aircraft are: 'Hawk' Advanced Jet Trainer, Indigenous Advanced Jet Trainer, Turbo Trainer Aircraft, Light Combat Helicopter and Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

(b) HAL has signed a memorandum of understanding with Israel Aircraft Industries for global marketing of Advanced Light Helicopter. For marketing purpose, HAL products are displayed and showcased in prominent airshows abroad. Also, HAL participates in the programmes of various off-shore aerospace companies for supply of work packages as sub-contractor.

(c) HAL is following up with different countries on possibility of export of aircrafts and helicopters.

Effect of unavailability of INS Vikrant

803. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's only aircraft carrier INS Vikrant is being repaired and unavailable for use;

(b) whether because of this Navy's operations will in any way be hampered; and

(c) the action proposed to save India from such precarious situation?