

**Procurement of single-engine fighters for Air Force**

\*20. SHRIMATI SASIKALA PUSHPA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has proposed to procure single-engine fighters for its Air Force from a private sector player with technology transfer by the foreign original equipment manufacturer;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): (a) to (c) The Government is considering all options to procure fighter aircraft for Indian Air Force (IAF) as per provisions of Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP).

**Enhancement of funds for PowerTex India Scheme**

\*21. SHRI R. VAITHILINGAM: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that funds are required to meet the requirement of PowerTex India Scheme;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government is considering to enhance the capital subsidy for powerloom from 10 per cent to 30 per cent;

(c) whether it is also a fact that about ten proposals were sanctioned under the Yarn Bank and Group Workshed Scheme and another seventy applications are pending; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRIMATI SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI): (a) A sum of ₹ 126.76 crores has been allocated for PowerTex India Scheme for the year 2017-18. Out of this, ₹ 83.08 crores has been spent so far. Additional requirement of ₹ 33.27 crores has been proposed in the Supplementary Demands for Grants.

(b) There is no proposal, at present, to enhance capital subsidy for powerloom from 10% to 30%.

(c) and (d) During 2017-18, 48 Yarn Bank proposals and 118 Group Workshed proposals have been approved. Only two applications for Group Worksheds are pending.