GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.650

TO BE ANSWERED ON 26th July, 2021

STATUS OF KAMOV KA-226T HELICOPTER

650 SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indo-Russian joint venture set up to manufacture Light Utility Helicopter (LUH) Kamov Ka-226T cannot meet even about 70 per cent of the country's required demand;
- (b) if so, the reasons for the failure of the project to be completed within the stipulated time-frame; and
- (c) if not, the time-period that has been set for procurement of the pre-determined 200 numbers of Kamov Ka-226T?

ANSWER MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE SHRI AJAY BHATT

- (a) No, Sir. Indo-Russian Helicopters Limited (IRHL) is not set up to meet 70 per cent of the India's demand of Light Utility Helecopter.
- (b) Does not arise in view of (a).
- (c) Ministry of Defence has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to IRHL for procurement of 200 Kamov 226T in May, 2018 and the proposal submitted by IRHL is in Technical Evaluation stage.
