

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO : 1283
(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19th December 2022)**

MANUFACTURING OF AIRCRAFT

1283. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether Government has any plan for exploring possibilities of manufacturing passenger aircraft in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details with regard to the availability of required land for this purpose near airports?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

(GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD))

(a) and (b): The extant policy enables domestic manufacturing of aircraft. The Government has been promoting and facilitating the manufacturing of aircraft, including a Regional Transport Aircraft, and associated equipment by public and private enterprises in India. Hindustan -228 (Upgraded) civil aircraft developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is a 19 seater turbo prop commuter aircraft suitable for regional connectivity. HAL has also entered into MoU with Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) - National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) for Design, Development and Certification of 19 seat Light Transport Aircraft - SARAS MKII and subsequent Production, Marketing and Lifecycle Maintenance of the aircraft. HAL has adequate land and infrastructure to manufacture these aircrafts.
