

LOK SABHA

SYNOPSIS OF DEBATES (Proceedings other than Questions & Answers)

Monday, January 7, 2019 / Pausha 17, 1940 (Saka)

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Re: Orders placed and orders in pipeline for HAL.

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN): I rise to inform the House that doubts have been raised on my statement made on the floor of the House on 4th January 2019 regarding procurement orders in the pipeline for Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL). I had specifically mentioned that there are 83 LCA Tejas fighters order worth Rs.50,000 crore; 15 Combat helicopters' order worth Rs.3,000 crore; 200 more helicopter orders worth Rs.20,000 crore; 19 Dornier transport aircraft worth Rs.3,400 crore; Helicopters worth Rs.15,000 crore; and aero engines worth Rs.8,400 crore and that all of them put together, the total comes to Rs.1 lakh crore.

I would like to set all doubts to rest by adding that I have received confirmation from HAL that during 2014 to 2018 contracts amounting Rs.26,570.80 crore have already been signed with HAL and orders approximately

Rs.73,000 crore are in the pipeline. The details of these orders are placed at Annexure I and II respectively.

The above documents clearly confirm the correctness of my statement made on the floor of the House and that doubts raised in this regard are incorrect and misleading.

Annexure-I

ORDERS PLACED ON HAL: 2014 to 2018

During 2014 to 2018 (Till Date), Indian Air Force (IAF), Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard have signed the following contracts with HAL as per details given:

Sl. No.	Armed Forces	Eqpt/Items	Value in Rs. Crores	Contract Date
1.	IAF	Dornier Do228 (14 Aircraft)	1090	04/02/2015
2	IAF	Dornier Do 228 (FIS 2 Aircraft)	214	03/02/2016
3	IAF	Cheetal (10 Helicopters)	203	11/09/2015
4	IAF	AL-31 FP Engines (113 Engines)	7739	30/12/2016
5	IAF	RD 33 Engines (19 Engines)	659.80	31/07/2018
6	Army	ALH (40 Helicopters)	5968.49	29/08/2017
7	Navy	Dornier Do 228 (12	2124	29/12/2016

		Aircraft)		
8	Navy	ALH (16 Helicopters)	2925	29/03/2017
9	Navy	ALH (1 Helicopter)	131.51	29/08/2017
10	Navy	Chetak (8 Helicopters)	390	18/08/2017
11	Coast Guard	ALH (16 Helicopters)	5126	29/03/2017

Total Amount Rs.26570.80 crores.

Annexure-II

Orders Currently in Pipeline for HAL

Request for Proposals issued to HAL and cases at Technical Evaluation Committee

(TEC) State

Sl Nol	Armed Forces	Eqpt/Items	Qty	AoN Cost	Date of RFP Issued	Remarks
1	IAF	LCA MK-1 A	83	Rs.49797.50 crore Plus Rs.432 crore for two simulators plus Rs.300 crore for infrastructure	20 th Dec 2017	Technical Evaluation State
2	IAF Army	LCH	10 05	Rs.2911 crore which included Rs.377.23 crore for infrastructure facilities	22 nd Dec 2017	Technical Evaluation Stage

3	IAF Army	Kamov Ka226T* Helicopters	65 135	AoN Cost not mentioned in DAC Minutes. Tentative cost of Rs.20000 crore as per annual acquisition plan	9 th May 2018	Technical Evaluation Stage
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Approximately Rs.73000 crore

* RFP has been issued for procurement of 200 Kamov Ka226T Helicopters from Indo Russian Helicopters Limited which is a Joint venture company with HAL, Russian Helicopters and JSC Rosoboronexport, in which HAL has 50.5 % shareholding.

***MATTERS UNDER RULE 377**

1. **SHRIMATI JAYSHREEBEN PATEL** laid a statement regarding need to run a new train service from Ahmedabad to Haridwar.
2. **SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR** laid a statement regarding increasing incidence of drug abuse among youth.
3. **SHRI SUNIL KUMAR SINGH** laid a statement regarding laying of Barwadih-Chirimiri railway line.
4. **SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA** laid a statement regarding safeguarding the reservation rights of Scheduled Castes.

* Laid on the Table as directed by the Speaker.

5. **SHRI LAXMI NARAYAN YADAV** laid a statement regarding need to increase the creamy layer income limit for OBCs.
6. **DR. UDIT RAJ** laid a statement regarding levying of GST on service providers.
7. **SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO** laid a statement regarding need to absorb para teachers in Jharkhand as primary teachers.
8. **SHRI KIRTI AZAD** laid a statement regarding need to start Lohna Road to Muktapur new rail line project in Bihar.
9. **SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY** laid a statement regarding giving clearance to railway projects in Godda Parliamentary Constituency, Jharkhand.
10. **SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM** laid a statement regarding merger of SBI branch with another branch in Palamu, Jharkhand.
11. **KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE** laid a statement regarding promotion of tourism in Karnataka.
12. **SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL** laid a statement regarding need to make Kali river, a tributary of river Ganga, pollution free.
13. **SHRI JUGAL KISHORE** laid a statement regarding pay scale of ad hoc teachers of Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Jammu.

14. **SHRI RAJEEV SATAV** laid a statement regarding need to provide loan to farmers in Maharashtra.
15. **SHRI S.P. MUDDAHANUME GOWDA** laid a statement regarding creation of Land Bank of closed Central Public Undertakings.
16. **KUMARI SUSHMITA DEV** laid a statement regarding need to revive two units of Hindustan Paper Corporation in Assam.
17. **DR. K. GOPAL** laid a statement regarding need to declare cyclone 'Gaja' as a national tragedy.
18. **PROF. SAUGATA ROY** laid a statement regarding finalization of National Register of Citizens in Assam.
19. **SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI** laid a statement regarding closure of ATM machines.
20. **SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB** laid a statement regarding implementation of National Food Security Act in Odisha.
21. **SHRI RAHUL SHEWALE** laid a statement regarding renaming of Madurai International Airport.
22. **SHRI BHEEMRAO B. PATIL** laid a statement regarding increasing salary of Mini-Anganwadi teachers.
23. **DR. P. K. BIJU** laid a statement regarding quality of construction on Vadakkancherry-Mannuthy stretch of NH-544.

24. **SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SADANAND SULE** laid a statement regarding limit of Shishu loan.
25. **SHRI RAJESH RANJAN** laid a statement regarding incident of mob lynching in Nalanda, Bihar.
26. **SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR** laid a statement regarding need to include Lohar Caste of Bihar in the Scheduled Tribes list in the State.
27. **SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN** laid a statement regarding non-utilization of Punalur-Schenkottah railway route.

SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS FROM THE SERVICES OF THE HOUSE
UNDER RULE 374A

HON'BLE SPEAKER: Dr. P. Venugopal, Shri K. N. Ramachandran, Dr. K. Gopal, Shri Naramalli Sivaprasad, I warn you all. You have come to the Well of the House and you are abusing the rules of the House by persistently and wilfully obstructing the Business of the House. By your wilful and persistent obstruction, grave disorder is being occasioned. I am, therefore, constrained to name you all under Rule 374A.

Therefore, you all stand automatically suspended from the service of the House for two consecutive sittings in terms of provision of Rule 374A. They may forthwith withdraw from the precincts of the House.

**THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018**

(Amendment made by Rajya Sabha)

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR) moved that the amendment made by Rajya Sabha in the Bill further to amend the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993 be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted and the Amendment was agreed to.

**RIGHT OF CHILDREN TO FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018**

(Amendment made by Rajya Sabha)

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR) moved that the amendment made by Rajya Sabha in

the Bill further to amend the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009, be taken into consideration.

The motion was adopted and the Amendment was agreed to.

THE PERSONAL LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2018

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS(SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY) *moving the motion for consideration of the Bill, said:* This Bill was introduced on 10th August, 2018 and it is a very short Bill. It provides that leprosy is one of the oldest known diseases and it is to be treated as an incurable disease. It has been made a ground for divorce in the Personal Laws. There are five Personal Laws, namely, the Divorce Act, 1869, the Dissolution of Muslim Marriage Act, 1939, the Special Marriage Act, 1954, the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 and the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956. At present, leprosy is a curable disease and in various judgements, the hon. Supreme Court and High Courts had observed that the Government is required to remove this discriminatory provision. Out of the 16 Acts identified, these 5 Acts are being administered by this Ministry. All these Acts are related to the Concurrent List. This is a beneficial legislation. Therefore, I request the august House to kindly consider and pass the Bill.

SHRI KALYAN BANERJEE *initiating said:* This Bill is, of course, a beneficial legislation. Very effective and speedy steps should be taken by the Central Government and hospitals for the rehabilitation and integration of a person affected by the leprosy. Public consciousness has to be created for acceptance of such persons. Family courts should be constituted everywhere so that divorce cases are disposed of speedily. Appropriate law should be made so that the wife and the children get the maintenance soon when a divorce case is pending before the court.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB: As per the prevalent situation today, it is an outdated impression that leprosy cannot be cured and therefore, it will be a cause for divorce. So, this Bill seeks to amend various Acts. But nowadays, with modern medicines, leprosy is curable. I fully support the amendments that have been moved in this Bill.

SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR: This Bill seeks to amend the five Acts including the Divorce Act, 1869. All these Acts prescribed leprosy as a ground for seeking divorce or separation from the spouses. In spite of the recommendations of the NHRC, the Law Commission and the UNGA Resolution to enact such laws, the earlier Governments delayed to introduce this Bill. As leprosy is curable, this is a good legislation and we should pass this Bill unanimously and see that leprosy is not a ground for divorce for the couples. In addition to it, the Central

Government as well as the State Governments should concentrate to eliminate this disease.

SHRI ASADUDDIN OWAISI: I oppose this Bill because a marriage is a contract in Islam. It is a contract which is being signed between a husband and a wife. If a wife does not know that her husband is having an ailment, that in itself is null and void. Government is taking away the right of a woman to divorce a man who is concealing his disease. Leprosy is a ground for divorce in other islamic countries. Why is it that Government has not looked what is happening in other islamic countries. Leprosy should be eradicated but the Government is not spending money. That is why I feel that the Government is doing it selectively. So, I request the Government to please do not interfere in the Muslim Personal Law.

SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN: I support the Bill brought by the Government. When leprosy was not curable there were many divorces. Now it is a curable disease. There was the decision of the Supreme Court and the recommendation of the Law Commission in this regard. But people's mindset is still not clear. So, public awareness is necessary. It should be started at the school level. The Bill is good.

SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY *replying said:* There is no proposal with the Government to provide the rehabilitation of person who is suffering from such disease because this disease is curable. This is a discriminatory provision and this Bill is before this august House to remove it from these five Acts. For rehabilitation, the steps are required to be taken not by the Government of India but by the State Governments. Shri Asaduddin Owaisi has opposed this Bill on the ground that there is no eradication of leprosy. It is not a question of eradication. It is a question of curability. In view of the fact that the leprosy is now curable and in view of the various judgments of the Supreme Court and High Courts, certain directions were also issued for reviewing these discriminatory provisions from various enactments. Not only this, the Human Rights Commission has also suggested and the Government of India is also signatory to that. In view of this, this Bill is before this august House.

The Bill, as amended, was passed.

DISCUSSION UNDER RULE 193

Re: Natural calamities in various parts of the country, particularly in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Odisha with special reference to cyclones like Gaja, Titli, etc.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB *initiating said:* I am standing here to raise a discussion on natural calamities in various parts of the country with special reference to cyclones like Gaja, Titli, etc. We do not know which part of our Eastern Coast is going to be affected. But information needs to be communicated to the respective coastal districts of coastal States of our country. It is necessary that adequate measures should be made so that proper steps can be taken for mitigating the likely devastating areas. (*Speech unfinished*)

The discussion was not concluded.

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Secretary General

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