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 **UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.770**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.2.2019

**INTER-GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND FRANCE ON RAFALE JETS**

770. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Inter-Governmental agreement was made between India and France for the procurement of 36 Rafale jets in fly-away condition from a French company Dassault Aviation;

(b) if so, the details of the time-line / time-frame when the Services Qualitative Requirements (SQRs) for the procurement of 36 Rafale jets in a fly-away condition were prepared and issued; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the time-line / time-frame when the SQRs for the previously agreed upon 126 Medium Multi-role Combat Aircraft MMRCAs were prepared and issued?

### ANSWER

MINISTER OF DEFENCE

SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN

(a) to (c): An Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) was signed on 23rd September, 2016 between the Government of India and the Government of French Republic for the procurement of 36 Rafale fighter aircraft in fly-away condition, along with an initial consignment of weapons, maintenance support through Performance Based Logistic (PBL), Simulator and associated equipment. The procurement of 36 flyaway Rafale aircraft have been processed on the same Services Qualitative Requirements (SQRs) as finalized for the 126 Medium Multi-role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA). The ASQRs for 126 MMRCA case were finalized in June, 2006 and the Request For Proposal (RFP) was issued in August, 2007.

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