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**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2574**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.3.2018

**PRICE OF RAFALE JETS**

2574. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the average unit price of Rafale jets under the Inter-Government Agreement, 2016, with France stands at around `1600 crore;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the average unit price of Rafale jets under the deal struck by the previous Government in 2012, stood at around `540 crore; and

(c) if so, reasons as to why the average unit price of jets almost trebled over the course of four years despite the manufacturer, Dassault Aviation, and the buyer, being constant in the two deals?

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### ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE

(a) The cost of each Rafale aircraft is approximately Rs.670 crore at prevailing exchange rate of November, 2016; without associated equipments, weapons, India Specific Enhancements, maintenance support and services.

(b) In case of 126 MMRCA proposal, it had not been possible to finalise the terms and conditions of the contract even after protracted negotiations and the Request For Proposal (RFP) was formally withdrawn on 24th June, 2015. No price was finalised as the terms and conditions of the Contact could not be finalised.

(c) No, Sir. In view of (a) & (b) above, the question does not arise.

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