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 **UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2562**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.3.2018

**TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY IN RAFALE JET DEAL**

2562. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Inter-Governmental Agreement with France for the purchase of 36 Rafale jets does not include a Transfer of Technology (ToT) agreement;

(b) if so, reasons for the absence of an agreement on ToT;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the previous deal under the earlier Government in 2012 included a ToT agreement; and

(d) if so, details of the rationale behind scrapping the previous understanding on ToT?

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###  ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE

(a) & (b): The Inter-Governmental Agreement for procurement of 36 Rafale envisages supply of aircraft in fly-away condition along with associated equipment. Acquiring Transfer of Technology (ToT) for only 36 aircraft would not have been cost effective.

(c) & (d): The earlier proposal in the procurement of 126 aircraft involved License Manufacturing only for 108 aircrafts and not Transfer of Technology. The proposal was never finalized due to serious issues in Request for Proposal (RFP) compliance.

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