

**Compulsory military training scheme for youths**

2212. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to introduce Compulsory Military Training for youths of the country who have attained the age of 18 years or above;
- (b) if so, by when Government will introduce this scheme; and
- (c) what is the likely expenditure involved to implement this scheme in the country?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Purchase of fighter jets**

2213. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to seal a deal of 11 billion dollars to purchase new fighter jets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what measures have been taken considering previous scams in such deals to ensure that the amount will be spent for quality equipment and there is no scope for fraud?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) The proposal for procurement of 126 Medium Multi Role Combat Aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF) at an estimated cost of \$ 10.4 billion is being progressed as per the provisions of the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP). In response to the Request For Proposal, responses were received from six vendors which are being evaluated.

(c) The capital procurement for IAF is being done as per the provisions of the DPP, which ensures transparency, probity and accountability.

**Shifting RIC of DRDO from Dharampuri to Chennai**

2214. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: