



Procurement of Aero-engines for Su-30 MKI Aircraft

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Recently, the **Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS)** approved the procurement of **240 aero-engines (AL-31FP)** for **Su-30 MKI aircraft** - one of the most powerful and strategically-significant fleet of the **Indian Air Force (IAF)**.

- These aero-engines will ensure the sustained operation of the IAF's Sukhoi-30 fleet thus enhancing India's defence preparedness.
- It will be procured under **Buy (Indian) category** from **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)**.
The 'Buy (Indian)' category involves procuring products from Indian vendors that either:
 - Are **indigenously designed, developed, and manufactured** with at least **50% Indigenous Content (IC)** of the total contract value.
 - Have at least **60% IC** of the total contract value, even if not indigenously designed or developed.
- The engines will have **indigenous content over 54%**.
- The IAF currently operates **259 Su-30 MKI fighters**.
 - Su-30MKI is a **multirole combat fighter aircraft** jointly developed by the **Sukhoi Design Bureau** (Russian aerospace company) and **HAL** for the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- **CCS** is headed by the **Prime Minister**. Other members include ministers for Finance, Defence, Home Affairs and External Affairs.
 - Major decisions on significant appointments, **national security issues**, and defence expenditure in India are made by CCS.

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