
Airbus, Tata Advanced Systems formalise contract for H125 helicopter Final Assembly Line in India

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Farnborough, United Kingdom, 23 July 2024: Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), India's leading private sector player for aerospace and defence solutions, and Airbus Helicopters have formalised the contract to establish the H125 Final Assembly Line (FAL) in India. The FAL will be the first instance of the private sector setting up a helicopter assembly facility in India, which will produce Airbus' best-selling H125 helicopter from its civil range for India and the neighbouring countries.

The contract was signed at the Farnborough International Airshow 2024. The setting up of the FAL was announced on January 26 this year by Airbus CEO Guillaume Faury and Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran.

"We are pleased to partner with Airbus to establish the final assembly line for H125 helicopters in India. This collaboration built on TASL's expertise in airborne platforms, and the strength of our ongoing partnership with the Airbus Group, aligns with the 'Make in India' initiative and addresses India's growing helicopter market potential. The project will enhance helicopter manufacturing capabilities in India, and support growth of civil aviation in India," said Sukaran Singh, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Tata Advanced Systems Limited.

"India is a country with great potential for helicopters and we believe that there is no better way to unlock this promising market than with a 'Made in India' H125 helicopter. We are confident that a locally assembled helicopter will open new civil and parapublic markets such as the Helicopter Emergency Medical Services and other public services, making helicopters a critical component of nation-building. We are delighted that we are embarking on this pioneering journey with our trusted partner the Tata Group, with whom Airbus already has a multi-faceted partnership," said Bruno Even, CEO of Airbus Helicopters.

The FAL will undertake the integration of the major component assemblies, avionics and mission systems, installation of electrical harnesses, hydraulic circuits, flight controls, dynamic components, fuel system and the engine. It will also do testing and qualification of the helicopters.

Helicopters assembled at this FAL will be delivered to customers in India and its neighbouring countries. The deliveries of the first 'Made in India' H125s are expected to commence in 2026. Tata Advanced Systems and Airbus Helicopters are well advanced in their joint selection of the location of the FAL, which will be communicated soon.

The H125 is the world's best-selling single-engine helicopter that outclasses other helicopters in its category. This high-performing versatile helicopter is a member of Airbus' Ecureuil family, which has accumulated more than 40 million flight hours worldwide. It can operate in high-and-hot and extreme environments and can be easily reconfigured for various missions, including aerial work, firefighting, law enforcement, rescue, air ambulance, passenger transport,

and many others. The H125 is the only helicopter to have landed on Mount Everest, demonstrating its agility in operating in high altitude, extreme environments.

About Airbus

Airbus pioneers sustainable aerospace for a safe and united world. The Company constantly innovates to provide efficient and technologically-advanced solutions in aerospace, defence, and connected services. In commercial aircraft, Airbus offers modern and fuel-efficient airliners and associated services. Airbus is also a European leader in defence and security and one of the world's leading space businesses. In helicopters, Airbus provides the most efficient civil and military rotorcraft solutions and services worldwide.

About Tata Advanced Systems Limited

Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Sons, is a significant player for aerospace and defence solutions in India. TASL offers a full range of integrated solutions across: Aerostructures & Aeroengines, Airborne Platforms & Systems, Defence & Security, Land Mobility. TASL has a strong portfolio of partnerships and joint ventures with leading global aerospace and defence firms, making it an integral partner in the international supply chain and in some instances, a global single source provider for leading aerospace and defence OEMs'. With the requisite capabilities, resources and scale, TASL is equipped to deliver end-to-end innovative solutions throughout the entire aerospace and defence value chain from design to full platform assembly, and is well positioned in areas that include satellites, missiles, radars, unmanned aerial systems, artillery guns, command and control systems, optonics, homeland security and land systems, in addition to aircrafts and helicopters.

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