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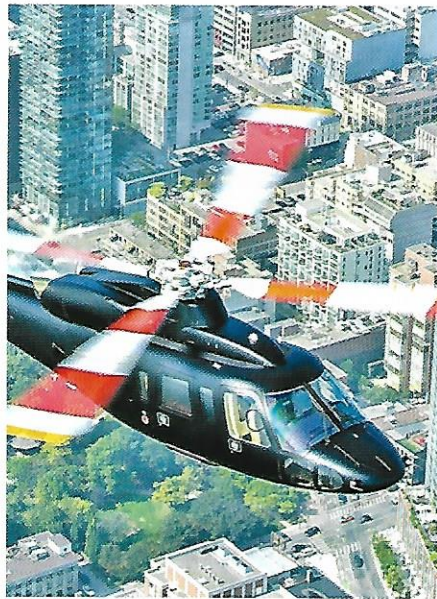
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Sikorsky Sells First S-76D Helicopter in India

The sale of an S-76D aircraft was announced on July 16 by Sikorsky, a Lockheed Martin company, to the government of Maharashtra in India. This was announced during the Farnborough International Airshow.

Scheduled for delivery in 2019, this contract marks the first time an S-76D helicopter will appear in India.

"The S-76D helicopter introduction has been quite successful in the Indo-Pacific region, with more than 30



aircraft sold and delivered in the last five years," said regional executive for Asia, Sikorsky, Christophe Nurit. "The aircraft has been selected and proven for multiple mission requirements ranging from naval and coast guard operations to executive transport. One of our clients in Asia has accumulated 10,000 hours on its S-76D fleet in less than two years. This is another great achievement for this product. Sikorsky is proud to now introduce it in India."

The VIP version of the S-76D helicopter includes a customised interior with seating for five to eight passengers. Uniquely, the S-76D helicopter can hold its rotor system still while running an engine to power the onboard air-conditioning system for safe, comfortable loading and unloading into the pre-cooled cabin during the summer season and hot climates. ■