

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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TEST FLIGHT OF LCA

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether test flight of second prototype of indigenously built light combat aircraft was conducted recently;
- (b) if so, the extent to which the test flight found to be successful in meeting all the requirements; and
- (c) the time by when the aircraft is likely to make its entry into the service?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The second technology demonstrator of LCA (TD2) was successfully test flown twice, meeting all performance requirements.

(c) The Initial Operational Clearance (IOC) is planned by the year 2005-2006.