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GLOBAL TIE UP IN AEROSPACE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is making big strides in aerospace and is open to global tie-ups with industry and research bodies; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. DRDO is making steady progress in aerospace oriented programmes, like Light Combat Aircraft, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Engine for Light Combat Aircraft (KAVERI), Electronic Warfare Suite, Airborne Early Warning System, etc.

In order to expedite the development pace, on need basis, from time to time, the Organisation has been entering into global tie-ups.