

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEFENCE COLLABORATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF UAV

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

(a) whether the Government has allowed the Aeronautical Development Establishment to co-opt a partner from the Indian Industry to join in the development and production of the Rs.1,000 crore indigenous medium altitude long endurance Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) programme;

(b) if so,the details thereof;and

(c) the steps taken in this regard so far?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir.In order to reduce the time for design, development and subsequent Transfer of Technology to an Industry for bulk production of Medium Altitude Long Endurance UAV,Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has been authorized to associate with a Production And Development Partner (PADP) from eligible Indian Industries on a competitive basis.The PADP would work with DRDO during the design and development phase and absorb the technologies.They would become the System Integrator and provide product support after induction.

(c) DRDO has short listed four Industries Consortia through a transparent process and released Request for Proposal (RFP) for PADP.