

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF KAVERI ENGINE

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

(a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has entered into an agreement with a French firm Snecma to develop the Kaveri aero engine for Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government also proposes to import foreign engines for LCA; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including its cost and the country from which the deal is underway?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. It is yet to be negotiated. Kaveri Aero Engine being developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) requires to be optimized for lower weight and higher performance so that it can be used for Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas and possibly for Indian next generation combat Aircraft.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Technical evaluation of proposals received from two short listed vendors i.e., M/s Eurojet (NETMA), Europe and M/s General Electric Company, USA is in progress.