

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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LCA TEJAS

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

- (a) whether Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas is yet to become operational;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has received an order from the Indian Air Force for supply of 20 such aircraft;
- (d) if so, the time by which the supply is likely to be made;
- (e) whether the HAL has received orders for these aircraft from other countries also; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): Being a development project, it needed to incorporate a number of new technologies and systems. The scheduled date for initial operational clearance is December, 2010.
- (c): Yes, Madam.
- (d): The supply of the 20 aircraft is planned to commence from 2011-2012 and is likely to be completed by 2013-2014.
- (e) & (f): No, Madam.