

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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NAVAL VERSION OF LCA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop naval version of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) 'Tejas';
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the estimated cost of the project and current status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Full Scale Engineering Development Programme of the Naval Version of the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) was sanctioned in March 2003. The scope of the programme includes the following:-

(i) Development of two Naval Version LCA (one Trainer and one Fighter) capable of operating from an aircraft carrier with 14 degree Ski-jump take off and arrested recovery.

(ii) Development of Shore Based Test Facility (SBTF) at Goa to replicate an aircraft carrier with 14 degree Ski-jump take off and arrested recovery for fighter testing and training.

(c) The current sanctioned cost of the project is Rs.1714.98 Crore.

As regards the current status, Rollout of the Trainer version of LCA (NP1) was done on 6th July 2010. First flight of the aircraft is scheduled for December 2010.