

**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) the present status of the development of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) 'Tejas';
- (b) the details of time and cost overrun of the project;
- (c) the measures being taken to check further delay in the project; and
- (d) the time by which the aircraft is likely to be inducted in the Air Force?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Initial Operational Clearance (IOC) for Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), Tejas has been completed in December 2010. So far, 1659 flight tests have been completed.
- (b) LCA, Tejas Phase-II Programme (Air Force version) was sanctioned in November 2001 at a cost of Rs.3301.78 Cr. with Probable Date of Completion (PDC) of December 2008. The project is likely to be completed by December 2012 with an additional cost of Rs.2475.78 Cr. The additional cost is to meet the expanded scope of the programme, increased cost of materials, manpower, maintenance of facilities, etc.
- (c) Phased development approach has been changed to concurrent development approach. Annual Review by Raksha Mantri; Review by Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Quarterly Review by Deputy Chief of Air Staff are being regularly carried out to check the delay in completion of project.
- (d) Indian Air Force has ordered 40 Tejas Mk-I aircraft (20 aircraft in IOC and 20 aircraft in FOC standard). Two aircraft will be ready by March 2012 for induction.