

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF FGFA  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) the current status of the development of the Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA) being undertaken in joint venture with Russia; and

(b) the time by which FGFA project is likely to be completed and the aircraft inducted into the Armed Forces?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU)

(a) & (b): A Preliminary Design (PD) contract has been signed between HAL and Rosoboronexport, Russia on 21st December, 2010 for implementation of design & development of Prospective Multi-role Fighter (PMF) Aircraft programme by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) jointly with Sukhoi Design Bureau (SDB) of Russia at a cost of 295 MUSD. The duration of the PD Phase is 18 months. Full scale Design & Development work will be taken up under a separate contract, which will be negotiated and signed towards the end of the PD Phase. Presently induction of aircraft in Indian Air Force is envisaged from 2018 onwards.