

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1308  
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KAVERI ENGINE PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has made any agreement with a French firm to develop the Kaveri aero engine to be used for the Light Combat Aircraft Tejas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) has also been consulted before the said agreement; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the IAF thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) No, Madam. However, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is negotiating with M/s Snecma, France for co-development and co-production of Kaveri aero engine for the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), Tejas MK-II. The project proposal will be put up for Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) approval after the completion of price negotiation.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Indian Air Force (IAF) has been consulted at every stage and is part of negotiation.
- (d) IAF has cleared the Kaveri engine co-development proposal with M/s Snecma, France. The draft engine technical specification has been examined and cleared by IAF. IAF has further suggested that the engine design should have minimal impact on the LCA, Tejas airframe for future retrofitment.