

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:848  
ANSWERED ON:19.03.2012  
ORDERS FOR LCA TEJAS  
Pal Shri Jagdambika

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

- (a) whether the Indian Air Force (IAF) has placed sufficient orders for LCA Tejas, to the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL);
- (b) if so, the details of delivery schedule;
- (c) whether the size of the order is financially viable for the HAL to construct a new assembly line for manufacturing and assembling of the aircraft and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the HAL is looking for companies abroad to manufacture LCA Tejas as the HAL with existing capacity and resources is unable to meet the requirements of the IAF;
- (e) if so, whether the Government has permitted the HAL to sublet the contract to foreign companies/vendors; and
- (f) if so, the security implications of such arrangements?

**Answer**

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

- (a) IAF has placed orders for 40 aircraft for LCA Tejas on HAL.
- (b) The deliveries of aircraft are scheduled in the 12th plan period.
- (c) Yes, Madam. Necessary funds for investment have been provided by the Government of India.
- (d) No, Madam.
- (e) & (f): Do not arise.