

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to speed up the development of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the UAV will be capable to cope with nuclear disasters; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) Yes, Madam. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has taken up a project for design and development of Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) – Rustom-2.
- (b) The first flight of Rustom-2 is scheduled in February 2014. Development of other UAVs are included in 12th Plan proposal.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) Does not arise.