

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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FIFTH GENERATION FIGHTER AIRCRAFT  
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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 being undertaken in joint venture with Russia; and
- (b) the time by which the project is likely to be completed and the aircraft inducted into the forces?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Preliminary Design Contract for the joint Indo-Russian fifth generation fighter aircraft project was signed on 21.12.2010. R&D phase of the programme is planned to be signed during the current year. Detailed roadmap has been discussed with the Russian side. The fifth generation aircraft is scheduled to be certified by 2019 following which the series production will start.