

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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LCA TEJAS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the manufacturing of indigenous aircraft Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas has been delayed;
- (b) if so, the time since when the LCA projects is lagging behind;
- (c) whether there has been all-round skepticism of the project due to inordinate delay;
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (e) the time by which the said aircraft is likely to be ready for induction?

Answer

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

- (a) to (d): Yes, Madam. There has been delay in the manufacturing of indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas. This is a design and development project and the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) is the nodal organization for the development of Light Combat Aircraft, Tejas. The Initial Operational Clearance-1 (IOC-1) for the Tejas has been achieved on the 10th January, 2011. Presently, LCA development activities leading to final operational clearance are in progress.
- (e) The deliveries of aircraft are scheduled in the 12th plan period. It is planned to induct six LCA squadrons by the end of 13th Plan.