

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF LAC  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the latest status of procurement of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited;
- (b) the details of the criteria adopted by the Indian Air Force for the procurement of aircraft; and
- (c) the details of the terms and conditions of the contract signed between Indian Air Force and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited in regard to the procurement?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): A contract for procurement of 20 Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) in Initial Operation Clearance (IOC) configuration, along with associated role equipment, reserve engines, engine support package, engine test bed and computer based training (CBT) package from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) was signed in March, 2006. The total contract cost is Rs. 2701.70 crores. The specifications of the aircraft are as per the Air Service Requirements framed by the Indian Air Force. Delivery of the aircraft is expected to commence after IOC is achieved.