

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to indigenously develop Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV);
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating joint collaboration, if any, made for the purpose;
- (c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon; and
- (d) the time schedule for completion of the project and induction thereof in the forces?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) will be taking up indigenous development of Medium Altitude Long Endurance, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) against confirmed Qualitative Requirements (QRs) to meet Tri-Services requirements. The UAV has been named RUSTOM-H. Indian Industry would be the development-cum-production partner for this programme. The project is proposed to be completed in 78 months after formal sanction.