

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE) of DRDO has assured to deliver indigenous Kaveri-Snecma engine for Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas in a time-bound manner;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has also requested two leading aero engine manufacturers, General Electric (US) and Eurojet (Germany) to submit their bids for supply of 99 engines; and

(d) if so, the response of these companies in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The proposal on the Kaveri-Snecma engine joint venture is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Yes, Madam. Request for Proposal (RFP) for procuring 99 engines has been sent to two short-listed engine manufacturers, namely GE F414 from General Electric Aviation, USA and EJ200 from Eurojet Germany.

(d) The engine houses have responded to the RFP. Both commercial and technical responses have been received for procurement of 99 engines along with Transfer of Technology.