

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:38  
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LCA PROJECT  
Thamaraiselvan Shri R.

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

- (a) whether the Government has asked the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to speed up the much delayed LCA-Tejas project to meet the renewed deadline;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Tejas project came up for review at a high level meeting recently;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the said aircraft is likely to be inducted into the Armed Forces?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) have been asked to strictly adhere to the planned schedules for Initial Operational Clearance (IOC-2) by end of 2013 and Final Operational Clearance (FOC) by end of 2014 to ensure timely induction of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) in the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Status of project for development of LCA, Tejas was reviewed by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri on 24th June 2013 and Hon'ble Raksha Rajya Mantri on 23rd July 2013.
- (e) LCA – Tejas is likely to be inducted in the Indian Air Force soon after the Initial Operational Clearance (IOC-2).