

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FIFTH GENERATION FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has signed any contract with the Russia for final design and R&D to develop their Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the final design and R&D contract for the FGFA has been hit by a huge delay;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether India and Russia have agreed to share the cost of final design, infrastructure build up, prototype development and flight testing; and
- (f) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH) MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a) to (f): Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA) programme is a joint co-development and co-production programme between India and Russia. The preliminary design phase of the programme has been completed on 19th June, 2013. Presently the Research & Development (R&D) contract is under negotiation with Russians to define the total scope; the work share and responsibilities of each side; and the financial implications of the programme.