

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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FIFTH GENERATION FIGHTER AIRCRAFT  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the primary design programme for construction of Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft being prepared jointly by the Indian Air Force, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and aircraft manufacturing companies has been completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the estimated amount of expenditure incurred thereon; and
- (d) the time by which the first fleet of the said fighter aircraft is likely to be made available for the armed forces?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

- (a) & (b): Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA) is a joint Design and Development (D&D) programme between India and Russia. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) from Indian side and M/s Rosboronexport from the Russian side signed the Preliminary Design Contract on 21st December 2010. The Preliminary Design phase of the project has been completed by June, 2013.
- (c) Under the Preliminary Design Contract, the expenditure committed so far, is Rs.1,418.91 crore.
- (d) The delivery of the FGFA to the Indian Air Force is on conclusion of the Research & Development (R&D) phase. As per the draft R&D Contract, the delivery of FGFA can commence after 94 months from the start of the contract. The Contract has not yet been signed.