

**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 the Government has signed agreement with Russia for the joint development and production of a fifth generation fighter aircraft; and
- (b) if so, the details and present status thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): India signed the Inter-Government Agreement (IGA) with Russia for co-development and co-production of Fifth Generation Fighter aircraft in October 2007. As per the IGA, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) is the designated implementation organisation from the Indian side. In turn, HAL is supported by Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO), Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and other Indian agencies.

HAL and Rosoboronexport of Russia have signed the General Contract in December, 2008 and the Preliminary Design Contract in December, 2010. The Preliminary Stage of the project has been completed in June, 2013. The next stage of development would commence upon signing of the Research & Development (R&D) contract.
