

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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EXPORT OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENT BY DRDO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to export the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas and Brahmos missiles manufacture by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO);
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken steps to provide requisite funds and co- operation to DRDO for manufacturing arms and ammunition with indigenous technology and implementing export-oriented projects; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. At present, there is no proposal to export Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), Tejas and BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile. However, both LCA, Tejas and BrahMos missile are export worthy products. Presently, production facilities are being used for indigenous requirements.

(c) & (d): Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is primarily involved in design and development of strategic, complex and security sensitive systems for our Armed Forces. Technologies of systems and sub-systems developed by DRDO are transferred to production agencies. Productionisation of such systems and sub-systems is carried out by Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), Ordnance Factories (OFs) and other industries i.e. public and private.

Government has always supported and encouraged boosting up of domestic defence equipment and weapons. Provisions have already been made in Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP)-2013 to encourage indigenous defence products.