

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5006
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH DECEMBER, 2016

LIGHT COMBAT AIRCRAFT, TEJAS

5006. SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set a deadline for the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to make the first upgraded Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), Tejas and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether HAL proposes to give upgraded twenty two indigenously manufactured LCA, Tejas to Indian Air Force by 2018 and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether it is also true that the HAL has sought help from foreign company in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) & (b): After Initial Operational Clearance (IOC) and Final Operational Clearance (FOC) of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has planned to commence delivery of upgraded, LCA Tejas (MK 1A) from 2019-2020 onwards for which Operational Clearance (OC) / Certification has been planned by December, 2018.

(c) HAL has not sought any help from foreign companies for LCA MK 1A. However, some of the Line Replaceable Units (LRUs) from foreign companies are planned for integration in the upgraded version.
