GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.548 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18TH NOVEMBER, 2016

LIGHT COMBAT AIRCRAFT TEJAS

548. SHRI RAKESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{kk ea=h be pleased to state:

(a) whether several parts of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), Tejas is of foreign origin;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is likely to be dependence on foreign companies for the repair of the said aircraft;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to manufacture all parts of the said aircraft indigenously?

<u>ANSWER</u>

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE) IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE रारायमंी (डा. सुभाष भामरे)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) LCA Tejas is an indigenously designed and developed Aircraft. Out of total 344 LRUs (Line Replaceable Units) involved in the system level of LCA, a total of 210 LRUs have been produced indigenously and balance 134 LRUs are being imported from foreign companies. Indigenous content of the LCA Tejas Aircraft is 59.7% by value and 75.5% by numbers.

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(c) to (e): To reduce dependence on foreign companies, out of the 134 imported LRUs, the indigenisation of 42 units is under progress. Further efforts are being made by way of indigenization with the objective to reduce the import content progressively. Consolidation of technical specification of imported units have been carried out and they are being projected for indigenisation by private companies, DRDO labs and HAL divisions.

In a few cases, HAL has entered into repair agreements for a number of items to locally repair the items and for balance, they are in the process of entering into Long Term Repair and Maintenance Agreement (LTRMA).
