

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5720  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2017

TEJAS MK-II

5720. SHRI B. SENGUTTUVAN:

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

- (a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation is developing Tejas MK-II version of the Light Combat Aircraft for possible deployment by the Navy and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the time by which Tejas MK-II would be made available to Indian Navy and Air Force?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(a) **Yes, Madam. Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), an autonomous body of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), is developing MK-II versions of LCA(Navy) with a higher thrust engine than the one used in Mk-I version of Tejas. Two prototypes are sanctioned under this phase of development.**

(b) **Final Operational Clearance (FOC) of LCA (Navy) MK-II is likely to be obtained by 2023 for induction in Indian Navy and FOC for Air Force MK-II is likely to be obtained by Dec 2025.**

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