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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6004
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 4TH APRIL, 2018

INDIGENOUS FIGHTER JETS

6004. PROF. SADHU SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop indigenous futuristic stealth fighter jets in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to invite Indian and foreign military contractors to build the same under the Make in India initiative;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) Yes, Madam. The country has planned to launch a Program to develop a stealth fighter named Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA). The feasibility study has been completed. Indian Air Force (IAF) suggested Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) to initiate AMCA Technology Demonstration Phase before launching Full Scale Engineering Development (FSED). In order to compress the timelines of the design and development, it has been decided to fly 2 technology demonstrators of AMCA.

(b) to (d): Yes, Madam. An Expression of Interest (Eoi) has been floated by DRDO to invite participation of Military contractors / companies for the manufacture of the Technology Demonstrators as per DRDO-ADA Design. Subsequent steps will be decided after finalization of the manufacturing partner.
