# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

### LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1152 (TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018)

#### NATIONAL CIVIL AIRCRAFT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

#### 1152. SHRI DUSHYANT CHAUTALA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched National Civil Aircraft Development Programme (NCADP) but the same is still on paper and there is no progress;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons behind non-execution of NCADP; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government for execution of the programme and financial implication expected by the Government for this purpose?

#### **ANSWER**

## MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES (DR. HARSH VARDHAN)

- (a)&(b) No, Madam. CSIR had formed a high powered committee on 6th May 2010 for formulation and management of the project "National Civil Aircraft Development (NCAD)" for conducting feasibility studies. The feasibility study report was submitted to CSIR on 31st May 2011 to seek 'in- principle' approval for initiating and completing preliminary design phase. The feasibility report submitted was deliberated at the erstwhile Planning Commission (now NITI Aayog) level. It was suggested that a Joint Venture with private equity participation be created and a Cabinet Note for obtaining in-principle approval for the implementation of the NCAD programme accordingly be moved. In view of it, CSIR formed two Committees Technical Committee to examine feasibility report and Joint Venture Creation Committee to oversee formation of joint venture in Public-Private Partnership mode for developing civil aircraft for India. The JV committee had submitted the report in September 2012.
- (c) The matter was taken up with the NITI Aayog which expressed the immediate need to take up the project and called for meeting of Cabinet Committee of Secretaries. The Committee has deliberated the matter and given a decision to form a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) with participation of Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL), CSIR- National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR-NAL) and Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) with initial commitment of Rs. 10 crore by each. Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) has been asked to submit the proposal for creation of SPV for appraisal by PIB and thereafter to the Cabinet. The Financial implications are estimated to be of the order of Rs. 10,000 crore.

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