

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.470
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5th February, 2020

PRODUCTION OF TEJAS FIGHTER PLANES

470. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is planning to build more Tejas fighter planes for the air force;
- (b) if so, the number of planes that are under production; and
- (c) the details of new features in the Tejas Fighter Flights and the time by which the final flight test is likely to be completed?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

रक्षा राज्य मंत्री

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(श्री श्रीपाद नाईक)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. In addition to 40 Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas aircraft [20 in Initial Operation Clearance (IOC) and 20 in Final Operation Clearance (FOC) version with 16 fighters & 4 trainers in each], Government has planned to manufacture improved 83 LCA Mk-1A aircraft with enhanced capabilities for Indian Air Force (IAF).

The production of 16 fighters in IOC has been completed in March, 2019 and the production of 16 fighters in FOC and 8 trainers has been undertaken by HAL.

(c) Several new features have been included in LCA Mk1A aircraft to enhance the combat capabilities in terms of avionics, radar, weapons, air to air refuelling etc. Flight testing of Tejas Mk1A fighter aircraft has been planned to be completed by 2022.
