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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4497
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12TH AUGUST, 2016

TEJAS MARK 1A

4497. SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH:

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

- (a) the schedule of induction of Tejas Mark 1A into the Indian Air Force;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with any European Aircraft manufacturers for the development of Tejas Mark 1A;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Tejas Mark 1A will lead to the development of indigenous fifth generation aircraft; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(a) The first Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) – Tejas squadron has been formed on 1st July, 2016 with two LCA Initial Operational Configuration (IOC) Series Production Aircraft. Further, 18 more aircraft in IOC standard are planned for induction by 2018-19. This would be followed by 20 more aircraft in Final Operation Configuration (FOC) standard, which are planned for induction from year 2019.

(b) & (c): There is no collaboration envisaged with any European Aircraft Manufacturer for development of Tejas Mark 1A.

(d) & (e): Tejas MK1A is a 4.5 generation aircraft. There is a separate programme between Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) from Indian side and M/s Rosboronexport from the Russian side for Design and Development (D&D) of the Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA).
