

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIA FOR MANUFACTURING OF AIRCRAFT

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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have reached any agreement with Russia for manufacturing of fighter aircraft of the next generation and setting up of joint defence projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Russia has also agreed to cooperate in manufacturing of spare parts of Sukhoi-30 MKI;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the manufacturing of spare parts of Sukhoi is likely to be started?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

- (a) & (b): Joint development of a fifth generation aircraft has been identified as a possible area of defence cooperation between India and Russia.
- (c) to (e): Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has the license for manufacture of SU-30 MKI aircraft and its components (which includes spares) for Indian Air Force. Manufacture is likely to start in 2004-2005.