

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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MANUFACTURING OF NEW INTERCEPT PLANES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Russia proposes to manufacture new intercept planes jointly with India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any talks were held between India and Russia in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): Russia has proposed joint development and manufacture of Fifth Generation Fighter Aircraft. Talks have been held between India and Russia in this regard. The discussions are at a preliminary stage. Therefore, no time limit for taking a decision in this regard can be indicated.