

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1312

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REDUCTION IN MISDISTANCE OF SURFACE -TO- AIR MISSILE

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to collaborate with the friendly countries to develop the medium combat aircraft to meet the future defence needs;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any efforts has been made to reduce the "misdistance" of a Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Preliminary studies have been initiated at Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA), Bangalore to conceptualize Medium Combat Aircraft (MCA) with a view to exploit indigenous technologies/expertise developed under the Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Development Programme. For expediting development work on MCA, Government may consider collaboration with friendly countries.

(c) & (d): Misdistance achieved is within design specifications.