

(b) by when each incomplete scheme is likely to be completed and what would be its total cost on completion?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILA-MANI ROURAY): (a) and (b) A statement is given in the Annexure. [See Appendix CLV, Annexure No. 108]

Amount spent on LCA Project

3189. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that L.C.A. Project has become a white elephant for Government;

(b) the money spent on LCA Project so far;

(c) the amount earmarked in the current financial year;

(d) whether there is any proposal to review the entire project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A sum of Rs. 300 crores has been spent as on Mar. 90.

(c) A sum of Rs 140 Crores has been allocated for the LCA project in the current financial year.

(d) the LCA project has been reviewed this year.

(e) The General Body of ADA has recommended undertaking of Full Scale Engineering Development (FSED) in a phased manner. In Phase I, two LCA core technology demonstrator platforms are to be built and flight tested with the unstable configuration, digital fly-by-wire control and composite wings. Other technologies would be developed and tested, in parallel, on rigs, simulators etc. In Phase 2 the GTX 37 engine is expected to be integrated with the proven technologies of

Phase I in more vehicles for extended trials.

Justification for charging profession tax from teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

3190. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state what is justification for charging profession tax from Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers posted in different states?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): Profession tax is being charged from all employees including these of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in some of the States as per the statutory provisions of the State Government.

Prices of stationery articles and exercise books

3191. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) by what percentage according to the assessment, if any, done by Government, the prices of stationery articles and the exercise books for school going children have risen during the last six months;

(b) whether Government are aware of the virtual stoppage of supplies of quota entitlement to the exercise book manufacturers by the Hindustan Paper Corporation;

(c) if so, what measures have been taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) what steps have been taken by Government to contain the prices of stationery articles and exercise books and to make free available at reasonable prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) The