



General Electric's aerospace division made a significant statement, announcing the signing of an MOU with Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) to jointly produce fighter jet engines for the Indian Air Force's Light Combat Aircraft (LCA)-Mk-II — Tejas.

The announcement coincides with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's state visit to the US at President Joe Biden's request.

"The agreement includes the potential joint production of GE Aerospace's F414 engines in India, and GE Aerospace continues to work with the US government to receive the necessary export authorisation for this," the US firm said in a statement.

It described the Memorandum of Understanding with HAL as a "key element" in strengthening defence cooperation between India and the US.

"This is a historic agreement made possible by our longstanding partnership with India and HAL," said H Lawrence Culp, Jr., Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GE and CEO of GE Aerospace. "We are proud to play a role in advancing President Biden and Prime Minister Modi's vision of closer coordination between the two nations. Our F414 engines are unmatched and will offer important economic and national security benefits for both countries as we help our customers produce the highest quality engines to meet the needs of their military fleet."

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