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Light Combat Aircraft building facility to come up in AP creates 2,510 Jobs

Vijayawada: A weapons integration facility to manufacture Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), said to be the first-of-its-kind in the country in the private sector, will be set up in West Godavari district at a total cost of Rs 2,135 crore.

The Wem Technologies Private Limited is partnering with Lockheed Martin, the largest defence equipment manufacturer in the US, to set up this facility, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said.

"We have decided to allot 350 acres of land for this facility spread over Vatluru and Bhogapuram villages near Eluru in West Godavari district. In the first phase, they will invest Rs 635 crore and provide employment to 650 persons.

In all, 2,510 jobs will be created when the facility becomes fully operational," Naidu told a press conference here. Wem currently has orders worth Rs 560 crore on hand, he said.