

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Tatra Trucks being utilized in the Indian Army conforms to the requisite qualitative requirements. BEML has so far supplied around 6500 Tatra Trucks of various models amounting to Rs. 3660 crores (approximately) to Ministry of Defence and other Defence Public Sector Undertakings.

Chinese incursions in Jammu and Kashmir

2666. SHRI D.P. TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Jammu and Kashmir has reported that there is incursions from Chinese side in our territory;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the steps Government has taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) and (b) No report of Chinese incursions has been received from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) The areas along Line of Actual Control (LAC) are kept under constant surveillance by regular patrolling by troops and other aerial, optronic and electronic means.

Revamping of DRDO

2667. SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of recommendations made by P. Rama Rao Committee on reforms in Defence Research Development Organisation;

(b) whether it is a fact that the DRDO is facing severe human resources problem, especially shortage of scientific manpower for its project; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of initiatives taken by DRDO in the last three years to improve its performance?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is in the process of implementing recommendations of the Review Committee headed by Dr. P. Rama Rao and fine tuned by the Defence Secretary Committee.

The following recommendations have been implemented:—

- Nomination of Nodal Officers for interaction between DRDO and Services.
- Introduction of Integrated Financial Advice (IFA) system for financial decentralization.
- A dedicated Chief Controller Research and Development (Human Resource) has already been appointed at DRDO HQrs.

The following recommendations are at various stages of implementation:—

- Creation of Technology Domain based clusters.
- Increase of Budget for Extramural Research to 5% of DRDO Budget.
- Restructuring of DRDO HQrs.;

Cabinet Note has been initiated for the following recommendations:—

- Creation of Defence Technology Commission.
- Creation of a Commercial Arm of DRDO.
- Renaming of DG DRDO as Chairman, DRDO.

(b) No, Sir. DRDO is not facing severe human resource problem. However, a proposal for augmentation of its scientific manpower has been projected to the Government to meet the ongoing/future requirements of DRDO projects.

(c) DRDO is fully committed towards making country independent of foreign technologies in strategic area. A number of systems/technologies have been developed, productionised and inducted into Armed Forces whereas, a large numbers are in development and trials/evaluation stages. Being a dynamic Organisation and to meet the current and potential needs of the Armed Forces, there is always scope to improve its performance. In this regard, a Committee headed by Dr. P. Rama Rao has already made certain recommendations to improve its functioning/performance. The status of implementation of recommendations of the Committee is given at (a) above.

Naval exercise with Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force

2668. SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: