

**Setting up of National Aeronautics Commission**

2118. SHRI A.W. RABI BERNARD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee set up by the Integrated Defence Staff on making India self-reliant in aero space has submitted its report;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including its recommendations;

(c) whether the committee has recommended setting up of a National Aeronautics Commission and also overhauling DRDO to bring it closer to the US's Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) to work only on selected projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Overhauling of the DRDO and DPSUs**

2119. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to overhaul the functioning of the DRDO and the Defence PSUs in order to realise Make in India programme targets for the defence sector; and

(b) if so, the detailed plan and roadmap for the same?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR): (a) and (b) The functioning of Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) was reviewed by a Committee headed by Prof. P. Rama Rao. DRDO has accepted several recommendations which *inter-alia* include creation of Seven Technology Domain based Clusters headed by Director's General; Restructuring of DRDO HQrs; Creation of Directorate of Quality, Reliability and Safety (QR&S); increase in budget for Extramural Research; creation of empowered Defence Technology Commission (DTC); creation of a Commercial Arm of DRDO; creation of 5 Senior Administrative Grade (SAG) posts along with 162 other posts for full scale implementation of Integrated Financial Advisor (IFA) Scheme etc.

Recently, a review of all DRDO Projects along with the three Services, OFB and Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) has been carried out so as to realign the focus towards the "Make in India" Programme. Also, more than 1000 small, medium and large Indian industries have been involved in the development and productionisation of products for the delivery to the Services.

With the objective of achieving self-reliance in defence production, the DPSUs have been continuously modernizing and upgrading their capabilities and widening