

India as designer destination of defence system

2249. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps the Ministry is taking to make India a designer destination of defence system in the world;
- (b) whether any action plan has been prepared for this purpose; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (c) The Defence Public Sector Undertakings and the Ordnance Factory Board have been according priority to the export of defence equipment and systems to other countries. The steps to promote the Indian defence industry include:

- (i) Two biennial international defence exhibitions—Defexpo India and Aero India are being organized in the country to showcase the domestic defence industry and to attract potential buyers.
- (ii) India also participates in important defence exhibitions abroad to reach out to the international market
- (iii) Distribution of Catalogues and CDs on Indian defence products is done through Indian Embassies abroad.
- (iv) Interactions with foreign delegations and visitors are aimed at promoting India's defence industrial capabilities.

Products are exported mainly to countries in Asia and Africa and include helicopters, helicopter and aircraft spares, spares of rifles and guns, clothing items, parachutes and accessories, aeronautical stores, communication equipment; night vision devices, bollard pull tug, components and sub-systems etc. India is also capable of exporting offshore patrol vessels, training ships, survey vessels, anti tank guided missiles, launchers, test equipment, simulators etc. Some products have also been exported to countries in Europe and North America.

During the year 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 the Ordnance Factory Board and Defence Public Sector Undertakings have exported their products and services equivalent to US \$ (Million) 33.58, 45.22 and 93.69 respectively.