

**Recommendations of the Hooda Panel**

766. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Hooda Panel on optimisation of the Army submitted its recommendations to Government;

(b) if so, the key recommendations thereof;

(c) whether it recommended for cutting down the size of Indian Army by creating a reserve, if so, the details thereof and the response of Government; and

(d) whether it is also recommended for setting up of a new directorate to accelerate technology induction, if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE): (a) to (d) The information sought is about size and shape and operational aspects of Army. By its very nature it is sensitive and impinges on the security of the country. Disclosure of details in this regard on the floor of the House will not be in the interest of national security.

**Improvement in the capability of HAL**

767. SHRI V. MURALEEDHARAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of efforts made by Government to improve the capability of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in last three years;

(b) the details of investment made and revenues or profits of HAL during the last three years and the current year; and

(c) whether it is a fact that despite challenges HAL has achieved significant growth revenue and profits in 2018-19, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE): (a) During the last three years, following efforts have been made by the Government to improve the capabilities of HAL:—

- For establishment of major servicing facility for Hawk-132 aircraft, Government of India (GoI) has sanctioned ₹ 450.59 crore in February, 2016.