

issues involved to ensure smooth operationalization. The said Committee has submitted its report.

Military reforms is a continuous process and requisite steps are taken by the Government from time to time, as deemed necessary. Such steps taken include establishment of Integrated Defence Staff, two Tri-Service Commands, three Tri-Service Agencies in specialized fields, etc.

Allowing defence companies to self-certify quality

1463. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has decided to allow defence firms to self-certify the quality of their products; and
- (b) whether through this move, the role of the defence establishment Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) will be reduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) With a view to promote ease of doing business to achieve national vision of 'Make in India', Government has instituted a mechanism for awarding Self Certification status to Private Industry with self-evident Quality system that meets requisite standards. Self-Certification is the status awarded to manufacturers to certify through their approved designated functionary, the specific products produced by them through an approved quality system for supply to Defence. Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) is nominated as the competent authority for assessment and award of self-certification. Moreover, the critical activities like Audit of quality system and processes, however, continue to be carried out by DGQA.

Tejas-1 (LAH) and Tejas Mk2 (MWF) aircrafts

1464. DR. BANDA PRAKASH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has successfully conducted tests of performances of Tejas-1 (LAH) and Tejas Mk2 (MWF);
- (b) whether these fighter planes will be commissioned by 2020;
- (c) if not, the probable date of commissioning and the reasons for delay thereof;
- (d) whether there is any policy of manufacturing these LAH and MWF aircrafts at Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Hyderabad also; and