

(DPIIT). The Defence PSUs and OFB are thereby required to give preference to domestic manufacturers while procuring these items in accordance with the said policy.

As a result of the aforesaid initiatives undertaken, the Government in the last five years i.e. from 2014-15 to 2018-19 and current year till September, 2019, has accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) to 218 proposals, worth ₹ 409, 244 Crore approximately, under various categories of Capital procurement which promotes domestic manufacturing as per DPP-2016.

(c) All the major areas of defence production such as weapons, ammunition, fighter aircrafts, helicopters, missile systems, warships, submarines, armoured vehicles, radars, communication systems, surveillance systems, etc. have benefited from the aforesaid initiatives.

Scholarship for wards of deceased personnel

1466. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any scheme to provide scholarships to the wards of deceased defence personnel;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Government has increased the amount of scholarships under the said scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, especially details in respect of scholarships granted to wards of deceased defence personnel of Rajasthan;
- (e) whether Government has expanded the scope of beneficiaries under the scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) There is no exclusive scheme to provide scholarship to the wards of deceased defence personnel.

(b) The wards of deceased defence personnel are already covered under the Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme (PMSS) under National Defence Fund which is meant for wards of Ex-servicemen.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The details of the scheme are as follows:

- (i) Initially the Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme (PMSS) was started from Academic Year (AY) 2006-07 wherein students were awarded Prime Minister's Scholarship annually @ ₹ 15, 000/- for boys and ₹ 18,000/- for girls.
- (ii) With effect from AY 2012-13 the rate of scholarship under Prime Minister's Scholarship was revised annually at the rate of ₹ 24,000/-for boys and ₹ 27,000/- for girls.
- (iii) With effect from AY 2019-20, the existing rate of scholarship has been increased annually at the rate of ₹ 30,000/- for boys and ₹ 36,000/-for girls.
- (iv) The allotment of scholarship is made on merit among the wards of Ex-servicemen including deceased defence personnel who have applied each year. No separate data of state-wise distribution of deceased personnel is maintained. However, during the last three financial years, scholarship disbursed to wards of Ex-servicemen of Rajasthan as under:-

Financial Year	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount disbursed
2016-17	198	₹ 50, 83, 500/-
2017-18	221	₹ 56, 57, 875/-
2018-19	335	₹ 80, 52, 320/-

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The ambit of PMSS has been extended to the wards of State Police officials also who are martyred during terror/naxal attacks. The quota of new scholarships for wards of state police officials will be 500 in a year from Academic Year 2019-20. Ministry of Home Affairs will be the nodal. Ministry in this regard.

Plan to shift DRDE to an alternative site

1467. SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether *vide* notification dated 17.09.2005 under Section 3 of the Works of Defence Act, 1903, all constructions falling within 200 metres of Defence Research and Development Establishment (DRDE), Jhansi Road, Gwalior are to be demolished, including