of Capital Procurement for the Defence Forces amounting to over ₹3300 crores of indigenously designed, developed and manufactured equipment to maintain the impetus on "Make in India" Initiative. The three projects are the Third Generation ATGM, Auxiliary Power Units for T-72 and T-90 Tanks and Electronic Warfare (EW) systems for mountain and High Altitude terrain.

Implementation of reservation rules in Sainik Schools

819. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a)   whether it is a fact that Article 16 (4A) of the Constitution regarding reservation rules are not being followed in Sainik Schools;

(b)   if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps proposed to be taken by Government to ensure implementation of Article 16 (4A) in Sainik Schools, including the schools in Kerala;

(c)   whether the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) as mentioned in the State and Centre lists are being given reservation in Sainik Schools; and

(d)   if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) Article 16 (4A) is not applicable to Sainik School admissions. Article 16 (4A) of the Constitution deals with reservation in promotion with consequential seniority in services under the state in favour of SC and ST. As per Sainik School Society Rules and Regulations 1997, seats for admission and appointment of staff in Sainik Schools are reserved for candidates belonging to SC and ST categories.

Indigenous production by DRDO

820. SHRI TIRUCHI SIVA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a)   the projects that Government thinks will promote indigenous production in the defence sector under the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO);

(b)   the amount of funds that have been allocated for each of these projects; and

(c)   whether these projects will focus on 100 per cent indigenous production will be based on foreign partnerships and if so, the percentage of foreign partnerships?