

received from various countries and facilitate private sector and public sector companies for export promotion.

- (xvii) A Scheme to provide financial support to Defence Attaches for taking up actions for promoting exports of Indian made defence products both of public and private sector in the countries to which they are attached has been notified.

### **Strategic air force centre in Andhra Pradesh**

1145. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Air Force wanted to make Andhra Pradesh its strategic centre;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that strategic centre at Donakonda in Prakasam district, drone manufacturing unit in Anantapur and cyber security centre at Amaravati have been chosen for setting up training centre for helicopters; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the progress of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Hon'ble CM of Andhra Pradesh had proposed setting up an Air Force Command and training base in Andhra Pradesh in February, 2017 which included providing land on nominal charges by State Govt to Indian Air Force. During subsequent meetings, providing land at nominal charges was not agreed to by the State Government. Further, the proposal to set up a base after acquiring land on market rate was not found economically viable by the IAF.

(b) and (c) The proposal for setting up of a training centre for helicopters pilots at Donakonda (Prakasam district) was deferred after due consideration. No proposal is under process for acquisition of land at Anantapur and Amaravati (Cyber Security Centre)

### **Project Beehive for workshops**

1146. SHRI A. MOHAMMEDJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state: