

of public and private sector in the countries to which they are attached has been notified.

- (ix) Targets have been set for the Defence Public Sector Undertakings and OFB for export of Defence products.

Setting up of defence corridors

20. SHRI PARIMAL NATHWANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether defence corridors are being set up in the country for defence equipment production;

(b) if so, the details of the locations where the said corridors are being set up along with the amount of funds estimated to be spent thereon;

(c) the present status of the defence corridors;

(d) whether Government proposes to set up at least one defence corridor in Jharkhand and Gujarat; and

(e) 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 (e) In pursuance to the budget announcement (2018-19), it has been decided to set up two Defence Industrial Corridors in the Country, one in Uttar Pradesh and another in Tamil Nadu. Subsequently, six nodes in Uttar Pradesh Defence Corridor *viz.* Agra, Aligarh, Chitrakoot, Jhansi, Kanpur and Lucknow have been identified. Similarly, for Tamil Nadu Defence Corridor, five nodes *viz.* Chennai, Coimbatore, Hosur, Salem and Tiruchirappalli have been identified. Investments of approx. ₹ 3700 crore were announced for Uttar Pradesh Defence Corridor by Ordnance Factories Board (OFB)/Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) & Private Industries and investment of approx. ₹3100 crore were announced by OFB/DPSUs and private industries for Tamil Nadu Defence Corridor.

Till date, six consultation meetings of stakeholders each in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu were organized across its various nodes. Further, Government has also appointed a consultant for the preparation of Detailed Project Report for these two Defence Corridors.

Presently, there is no proposal to set up another Defence Industrial Corridor in Jharkhand and Gujarat.

Republic day parade tableaux of Kerala

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

(a) the details of prevailing system of selection of tableaux for participation in the Republic day parade;

(b) the details and name of expert Committee which examined the proposal of tableaux from different States, including Kerala for 2020; and

(c) the details of tableaux proposed by State of Kerala and the reasons mentioned by the expert Committee for the rejection of the tableaux for Republic day, 2020?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) There is a well established system for selection of tableaux for participation in the Republic Day Parade as per which Ministry of Defence invites proposals for tableaux from all States/UTs and Central Ministries/Departments. The tableaux proposals received from various States/UTs and Central Ministries/Departments are evaluated in a series of meetings of the Expert Committee comprising of eminent persons in the field of art, culture, painting, sculpture, music, architecture, choreography etc. The Expert Committee examines the proposals on the basis of theme, concept, design and its visual impact before making its recommendations. Due to time allotted for tableaux in the overall duration of the parade, shortlisting of tableaux is done by the Expert Committee.

Ceasefire violations by Pakistan

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

(a) whether there has been an increase in ceasefire violations by Pakistan in recent months;

(b) whether such ceasefire violations are concentrated in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) if so, the details thereof;