

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1458
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th MARCH, 2021

DEFENCE EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION UNDER 'MAKE-IN-INDIA'

1458 SHRI SANJAY SETH:

SHRI HARNATH SINGH YADAV:

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts being made by Government for production of defence equipment under 'Make-in-India' scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details regarding production of defence equipment wherein the target have already been achieved and the likely timeline by which the country will be 'atmanirbhar' in defence production; and
- (d) whether Government is planning to export such defence equipment, if so, whether demand from any foreign country has been received for these equipments, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1458 FOR ANSWER ON 08.03.2021 REGARDING 'DEFENCE EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION UNDER 'MAKE-IN-INDIA'.

(a) & (b): 'Make in India' initiative in defence sector is implemented through various policy initiatives which promotes indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence items. These initiatives, inter-alia, include priority to procurement of capital items from domestic sources under Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP)-2020; notification of 'Negative list' of 101 items for which there would be an embargo on the import beyond the timeline indicated against them; simplification of Industrial licensing process; liberalization of FDI policy; simplification of 'Make' Procedure; launch of Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) scheme; and implementation of "Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017".

(c) Many significant projects including 155mm Artillery Gun system 'Dhanush', Bridge Laying Tank, Thermal Imaging Sight Mark-II for T-72 tank, Light Combat Aircraft 'Tejas', 'Akash' Surface to Air Missile system, Submarine 'INS Kalvari', 'INS Chennai', Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvette (ASWC), Arjun Armoured Repair and Recovery Vehicle, Landing craft utility, etc. have been produced in the country under 'Make in India' initiative of the Government in last few years. An indigenization portal namely SRIJAN has been launched in August, 2020 for DPSUs/OFB/Services with an industry interface to provide development support to MSMEs/Startups/Industry for import substitution. So far, approximately 8,000 Defence items have been uploaded on SRIJAN Portal for indigenization.

Further, production of indigenous defence equipment and innovations therein are dynamic process and thus their development is decided on the basis of operational requirements of the Armed Forces. So, no specific timeline can be assigned in such cases. Procurement of defence equipment is undertaken from various domestic as well as foreign vendors, based on threat perception, operational challenges and technological changes and to keep the Armed Forces in a state of readiness to face the security challenges.

(d) Subject to strategic and diplomatic considerations, domestically manufactured defence products are promoted through Lines of Credit/Gratis. Defence Lines of Credit (LOCs)/Gratis are extended to identified Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) to enable them to import Defence goods and services from India on attractive terms.

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Based on the export Authorisations/Licenses issued by Department of Defence Production and actual exports done by Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) & Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and private industries, some of major items exported in the past few years, are Fast Patrol Vessels, Coastal Surveillance System (CSS), Light Weight Tropedoes, Light Weight Torpedo Launcher and Parts, Do-228 Aircraft, Wheeled Infantry Carrier, Light Specialist Vehicle, Mine Protected Vehicle, Passive Night Sights, Battle Field Surveillance Radar Extended Range, Integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare, Advanced Weapons Simulator, Personal Protective items, 155mm Artillery Gun Ammunition, Small Arms and Ammunitions, Weapon locating Radars, Identification of Friend or Foe (IFF)- Interrogator etc. Considering the strategic sensitivity of the matter and in the interest of national security, the country-wise details of exports cannot be divulged.
