

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.661
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8th FEBRUARY, 2021

ACHIEVING SELF-RELIANCE IN SPECIAL CLOTHING

661 SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to attain self-reliance and reducing import of special clothing and mountaineering equipment to strengthen Army troops in high altitude areas, particularly in Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. 71% of SCME items are already indigenised and percentage of imported items has reduced from 43% to 29% in the last five years.

(c) Tenders aligned with 'Make in India' initiative for identifying indigenous sources of supply are regularly being published. Wide publicity through Ministry of Textile, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) and various textile associations is also given for participation by prospective Indian manufacturers. Further, with a view to encourage Indian industry to manufacture in India, industry outreach programmes are undertaken and long-term contracts have been offered as incentives for assured business.
