

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1657
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th DECEMBER, 2021

FORMATION OF DEFENCE CORRIDORS

1657 SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of **Defence** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) has signed MoUs during Aero India 2021 with IAF, Naini Aerospace Ltd., Bharat Earth Movers and other PSUs to set up manufacturing units in UP Defence Corridor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether MoUs had also been signed in 2020 during Aero India at Lucknow and if so, the current state of progress with respect to each MoU; and
- (d) whether other States like Maharashtra also have plans to develop defence corridor for manufacturing of defence equipment under Atmanirbhar Bharat scheme?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) has signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with Indian Air Force (IAF), Defence PSUs-Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML), Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Naini Aerospace Ltd. during Aero India 2021. Details of these MoU are as under:

- (i) IAF has signed MoU for indigenization programme.
- (ii) HAL & Naini Aerospace Ltd has signed MoU as Knowledge Partners and also help Defence Corridor in development of Aerospace Units and their supply chain through vendors.
- (iii) BEML has signed MoU with UPEIDA to establish an MRO facility for specialized vehicles.

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(c) During Def Expo-2020 held at Lucknow Uttar Pradesh, a total of 23 MoUs have been signed between UPEIDA and Private Companies. Out of these 23 MoUs, 6 companies namely Anchor Research Labs LLP, P2 Logitech Pvt Ltd., Allen & Alvan Pvt Ltd., Nitya Creations India, Syndicate Innovations International and PBM Insulations Pvt Ltd. have already been allotted and handed over land at Aligarh node.

(d) The Government of Maharashtra forwarded a request letter for establishing a defence corridor in Maharashtra. It is, however, reiterated that the two defence corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu are intended to provide a fillip to strengthening the defence manufacturing ecosystem in India including all States.
