

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 521
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07TH FEBRUARY, 2022

CANCELLATION OF PURCHASE DEALS OF SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES

521 SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has cancelled multiple deals for the purchase of short range surface to air missiles and purchase of a number of choppers for the Indian Coast Guards;
- (b) whether Government has decided to purchase them from the domestic defence sector;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to further review the import deals from foreign vendors;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken to ensure that security of the country is not compromised in any way while reviewing these imports?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

- (a) No, Sir. Government has not cancelled any deal for the purchase of short range surface to air missiles or purchase of choppers for the Indian Coast Guard.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) to (e): The Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP)-2020 focuses on promotion of indigenization and incorporates major policy initiatives to boost indigenous defence capability and reduction of reliance on imports under “Make in India” and “Atmanirbhar Bharat” initiatives of Govt of India. Key measures introduced in DAP-2020 include notification of lists of weapons/platforms for ban on import, indigenization of imported spares, enhancing of Indigenous Content (IC) in all procurement categories along with simplification of IC verification methodology, simplification of Make Procedure with an aim to exploit its potential to the full, reservation for MSMEs and small Shipyards for orders up to Rs 100 Crores/year and encouragement to indigenous software.

Moreover, Government constantly reviews the security scenario and accordingly decides to induct appropriate defence equipment. This review is aimed at keeping the armed forces in a state of readiness.
