

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1550**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05<sup>th</sup> August, 2024

**OVERHAUL THE FUNCTIONING OF DRDO**

1550 DR. AJEET MADHAVRAO GOPCHADE:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has plans to completely overhaul the functioning of DRDO;
- (b) whether Government had formed a high-level committee of technocrats on this subject;
- (c) whether Government is planning to raise the budget allocation for different research projects at DRDO; and
- (d) whether Government has any plans to enhance the research staff capacity at DRDO?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A committee headed by Dr. Vijaya Raghavan suggested certain reforms to overhaul the functioning of DRDO.
- (c): The expenses for the different projects are met from the regular budget of DRDO and the standard increase in the DRDO budget.
- (d): Yes, Sir. DRDO has plans to enhance the research staff capacity as per project requirements.

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