GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
**RAJYA SABHA**
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1320**
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th December, 2022

**DEFEXPO, 2022**

1320 SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a)  whether it is a fact that Government has recently organized DefExpo 2022;

(b)  if so, the details thereof;

(c)  whether it is also a fact that a number of countries have shown their interest inpurchasing various defence equipments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE                                                   (SHRI AJAY BHATT)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(a):   Yes, Sir. The 12th edition of DefExpo-2022 was successfully organised by the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, Government of India, from 18th to 22nd October, 2022 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

(b):   The theme of DefExpo-2022 was 'Path to Pride'. DefExpo-2022 was exclusively organised for Indian defence companies.  It witnessed more than 15 lakh visitors and saw the highest ever participation from the exhibitors i.e. 1340 in numbers. A total of 80 Friendly Foreign Countries attended DefExpo-2022. Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated DefExpo-2022.  HTT-40, the indigenous Trainer Aircraft manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) was unveiled during the event.

Moreover, the 2nd edition of the India Africa Defence Dialogue was also held at DefExpo-2022 where 50 African countries participated in the Dialogue attesting the high priority accorded to India-Africa engagement in defence and security.

Further, 41 countries attended the Indian Ocean Region (IOR)+ Defence Ministers' Conclave held during DefExpo on 19th October, 2022 at Gandhinagar.  The conclave facilitated dialogue towards fostering a stable and peaceful Indian Ocean, with strategic and commercial partnerships within the IOR, in line with Hon'ble Prime Minister's Vision of Security and Growth for all in the Region (SAGAR).

(c) & (d):  India is exporting defence items to more than 75 countries. However, the names of countries cannot be divulged due to strategic reasons.

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