

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 124
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th March, 2023

AERO INDIA 2023

124.SHRI BRIJLAL:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the main aims and objectives of the 14th five-day biennial Air Show and Aviation Expo, Aero India 2023, held in Bengaluru from 13.02.23 to 17.02.23;
- (b) the details of events organized by Government in the Aero India 2023 along with the details of Indian and foreign companies participated therein;
- (c) the manner in which such aero show would benefit the indigenous aviation industry; and
- (d) whether Government proposes to organize more such aero shows in the country in near future and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA
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“AERO INDIA 2023”.**

(a) to (d): The 14th edition of Aero India-2023 was successfully organised by the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, Government of India, from 13th to 17th February, 2023 at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru. The aims and objective of the Aero India-2023 were as follows:

- 1) Showcasing India’s Growth in Aerospace & Defence capabilities;
- 2) Projecting India as a Global Aerospace & Defence Manufacturing Hub;
- 3) Showcasing design leadership and growth in unmanned aerial vehicles and Defence Space;
- 4) Promoting exports of indigenous Air Platforms with focus on LCA Tejas;
- 5) Attracting foreign investments and forging partnerships for co-development & co-production; and
- 6) Integrating Indian MSMEs & Startups in Global Supply Chain.

The exhibition has been the largest since its inception in 1996 with participation of 104 Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) and 809 exhibitors wherein 701 were Indian Exhibitors and 108 were Foreign Exhibitors. Aero India-2023 witnessed a total of 7+ lakh visitors over the 05 days. Two marquee events were organized during Aero India-2023 viz. CEOs Round-table and Defence Ministers’ Conclave namely, SPEED (Shared Prosperity through Enhanced Engagement in Defence) which facilitated interactions with 75 CEOs from the Global Top Aerospace and Defence (A&D) manufacturing companies and leadership from 72 Friendly Foreign Countries respectively. Aero India-2023 showcased the expanse of indigenous A&D industry including MSMEs and Start-ups, India’s reformed and reinvigorated ecosystem for business through policy interventions, promoted collaborations for business and sought investments from Foreign Original Equipment Manufacturers (FOEMs) in the country. India has reiterated its willingness to partner with FFCs in the A&D sector on equal terms to imbibe niche technology.

Further, Aero India is a biennial exhibition and organised every alternate year.
