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DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th February, 2023

PREPARING ARMED FORCES FOR FUTURE CHALLENGES

1154. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any special initiatives in the last three years to equip Armed Forces to deal with any future challenges considering the fast-evolving global security scenario; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof in terms of additional exclusive funds provided for this purpose?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): (i) The modernization of Armed Forces to meet future challenges is a continuous process based on Long Term Integrated Planning Process. Annual Acquisition Plan is formulated annually based on inputs from the Services and is based on identified threats and Inter Service prioritization and emerging technologies.

(ii) Government has taken several policy initiatives in the last few years and brought in reforms to encourage indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence equipment, there by promoting self-reliance in defence manufacturing & technology in the country. These initiatives include according priority to procurement of capital items of Buy Indian (IDDM) category from domestic sources under Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP)-2020. The Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) was launched in 2018 to achieve self-reliance and foster innovation and technology development in Defence and Aerospace. The Government has approved scheme for iDEX with budgetary support of Rs. 498.78 Crore for the 5 years from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

(iii) There has been a consistent increase in the share of Capital Acquisition Budget. An amount of Rs. 1,24,408.66 Cr has been earmarked for Capital Acquisitions in the FY 2022-23, which has been increased to Rs 1,32,727 Cr for the year 2023-24. Further, DRDO has undertaken 50 Mission Mode and Technology Development Projects worth Rs. 23,722 Cr in the last 3 years for development of indigenous weapons and technologies.
