

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1158
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th February, 2023

MANUFACTURING OF AK-203 ASSAULT RIFLES

1158. SHRI BRIJLAL:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether an Indo-Russian joint venture has started manufacturing Kalashnikov AK-203 assault rifles in Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the manner in which defence sector of the country would be benefitted by the said joint venture;
- (c) whether Government proposes to manufacture defence equipments in other places of the country also through such enterprises in the defence sector; and
- (d) if so, the location-wise details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

- (a): Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL) is a joint venture company established for indigenous production of AK-203 Rifles. IRRPL has established all facilities to commence production of indigenized assault rifle at Korwa, Uttar Pradesh (UP). The Rifles are currently under manufacturing and testing stage.
- (b): Indigenization of AK-203 Rifles will lead to self sufficiency in respect of Assault Rifles for Indian Defence Forces, which is in the spirit of “Atmanirbhar Bharat”.
- (c): No, Sir.
- (d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.
