

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 13th February, 2023

**SCHEMES FOR PROMOTING INDIGENISATION IN THE DEFENCE
MANUFACTURING SECTOR**

1169. SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) the schemes for promoting indigenisation in the defence manufacturing sector;
- (b) the schemes introduced or steps taken for enhancing skill development in the field of defence manufacturing; and
- (c) whether any new defence corridors are being developed or in plans to be developed in the North-East Region, and if so, the details thereof?

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(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): The Government has taken several policy initiatives in the past 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, inter-alia, include according priority to procurement of capital items of Buy Indian (IDDM) category from domestic sources under Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP)-2020; Notification of four 'Positive Indigenization Lists' of total 411 items of Services and three 'Positive Indigenization Lists' of total 3738 items of Defence Public Sector Undertakings(DPSUs), for which there would be an embargo on the import beyond the timelines indicated against them; Simplification of Industrial licensing process with longer validity period; Liberalization of Foreign Direct Investment(FDI) policy allowing 74% FDI under automatic route; Simplification of Make Procedure; Launch of Mission DefSpace; Launch of Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) scheme by involving Startups & Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs); Implementation of Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order 2017; Launch of an indigenization portal namely SRIJAN to facilitate indigenisation by Indian Industry including MSMEs; Reforms in Offset policy with thrust on attracting investment and Transfer of Technology for Defence manufacturing by assigning higher multipliers; and Establishment of two Defence Industrial Corridors, one each in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu; Earmarking of 25% of R&D Budget for Industry led R&D; Progressive increase in allocation of Defence Budget of military modernization for procurement from domestic sources, etc.

In order to enhance skill development in defence manufacturing, technical manpower of DPSUs are being trained in Maintenance, Safety, IPR, Fire fighting, Administration, IT, etc. through their In-house training. For outsiders, ITI trade apprentices are also trained in trades of Chemical, Mechanical, Electrical, Civil, etc. DPSUs like Munitions India Ltd.(MIL) and Hindustan Shipyards Ltd.(HSL) have signed MoUs with some IITs for skill development. DPSUs like Goa Shipyard Ltd. (GSL) Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL) & Bharat Earth Movers Ltd. (BEML) have also set up their Centre of Excellence for training.

(c): At present, there is no such proposal.
