# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION **RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1324** TO BE ANSWERED ON 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

### DEFENCE INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION WITH FRIENDLY COUNTRIES

#### 1324. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to enhance defence industrial cooperation with friendly countries; and

(b) if so, potential areas which have been identified in this regard?

### ANSWER

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

#### (SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): The Government of India regularly interacts with Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) to enhance defence industrial cooperation. The Defence Industrial Cooperation with FFCs aims at development of new technologies, Research & Development, co-development and co-production, promotion of defence exports, establishment of Joint-Ventures, integration of Indian MSMEs and Startups in global supply chain.

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