

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO.428

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16TH DECEMBER, 2016

CONTRIBUTION OF DRDO

*428. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of contribution made by the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) for the development and upgradation of defence equipment in the country;
- (b) the total expenditure incurred by DRDO for various defence projects during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether there are adequate number of scientists and other employees in DRDO and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor and the corrective measures taken in this regard; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up any commission to suggest measures to improve functioning of DRDO and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA
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(a) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), an R&D wing of Ministry of Defence, is primarily involved in design and development of strategic, complex and security sensitive systems in the fields of missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles, radars, electronic warfare systems, sonars, combat vehicles, combat aircraft, sensors, etc for the Armed Forces as per their specific Qualitative Requirements. Over the past five decades, DRDO has developed / upgraded a number of systems / products / technologies, a large number of which have already been productionised. Value of systems/products/technologies developed / upgraded by DRDO and inducted into the Services or in the process of induction stands over Rs 2.50 lakh Cr. This figure does not include Strategic Systems.

(b) Total expenditure incurred by the DRDO on various projects during the last three years and current year are given below:-

Year	Expenditure (Rs. in Crore)
2013-14	3568.53
2014-15	3936.78
2015-16	4418.60
2016-17 (Till 30 Nov 2016)	2588.57

(c) The present manpower strength of DRDO is based on authorised strength sanctioned by the Government. Being a Mission Mode Organisation, DRDO follows a dynamic system of manpower planning. Authorised Regular Establishment (RE) is reviewed periodically to meet the contingent requirements on account of workload and new projects undertaken by the laboratories of DRDO. The Organisation optimally utilizes manpower through dynamic manpower management system. Present strength of DRDO manpower in various cadres is

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shown in the following Table:

Cadre	Strength
Defence Research and Development Service (DRDS)	7427
Defence Research and Technical Cadre (DRTC)	9220
Administration Cadre	2936
Allied Cadre	2880
Service Officers	327
Other Service Personnel	1617
Total	24407

(d) At present, there is no proposal to setup any Commission to suggest measures to improve functioning of DRDO.
