

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION  
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4988  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2016

**EXPANSION OF PRODUCTION FACILITY OF BEL**

4988. SHRI KONAKALLA NARAYANA RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand the production facility of Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) in Machilipatnam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the process of expansion, proposed timeline for completion and the expected amount of employment and investment to be incurred in Machilipatnam?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

रक्षा राज्य मंत्री

(डा. सुभाष भामरे)

**(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) is in the process of setting up a new factory at Nimmakuru village, located around 16 KM from the existing Machilipatnam unit in Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh, for the manufacture of advanced Night Vision Products. The proposed budget is around Rs. 270 crore. Foundation stone of the said factory was laid on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2016. Construction work is under progress. The proposed timeline for completion of the project is in the financial year 2019-20. The new production facility is likely to generate employment for around 500 persons.**

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