

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5667
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 7TH APRIL, 2017

SETTING UP OF RESEARCH FUND

5667. SHRI YOGI ADITYA NATH:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a research fund to promote Make in India and to attract young talent in defence sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to finance the proposed research fund; and
- (d) the time by which the proposed research fund is likely to be set up?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5667 FOR ANSWER ON 7.4.2017

(a) to (d): The Government has recently approved a Defence Innovation Fund (DIF) which aims at creation of ecosystem to foster innovation and technology development in Defence, by engaging R&D institutes/academia and industry including start-ups & individual innovators and provide them the funding to carry out innovative development which has the potential for future commercialization. The DIF is initially proposed to be funded by two Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), M/s Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and M/s Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL). Later on, the Fund can also receive grants from Government and from other not-for-profit organisations in public or private sector.

In addition, the Government has also launched a scheme of Technology Development Fund (TDF) which aims at funding the development of defence and dual use technologies that are currently not available with the Indian defence industry, or have not been developed so far, thus creating an ecosystem for enhancing cutting edge technology capability for Defence applications. The TDF scheme is implemented by DRDO and provides for assistance in the form of grant to public and private industries for design and development of key defence technologies.
