

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1146
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21ST JULY, 2017
DEFENCE INNOVATION ORGANISATION

1146. PROF. RICHARD HAY:
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up any Defence Innovation Organisation in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) the names of the States where the said organisation is likely to be set up by the Government;
- (d) the details of the funds earmarked for the purpose along with details of targets fixed in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Government proposes to set up these organisations under the Public-Private Partnership mode also and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1146 FOR ANSWER ON 21.7.2017

The Government has approved a Scheme of Defence Innovation Fund (DIF), aimed at creating an eco-system to foster innovation and technology development in defence by engaging R&D institutes, academia, industry including MSMEs, start-ups and even individual innovators and provide them award based grant/ funding to carry out innovative development, which has good potential for future commercialization. The Scheme is proposed to be implemented through a 'not for profit' company under section 8 of the Companies Act, namely Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO). DIO has been registered with Bengaluru as its headquarter. The DIO would be funded by two Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), namely Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).

2. The maximum corpus fund raised by HAL and BEL for DIO shall be Rs.100 crore, Rs. 50 crore each from HAL and BEL. To start with, HAL and BEL will contribute Rs. 5 crore each. Subsequently, public or private entities, which are 'not for profit' organisations and are ready to promote and fund innovation programmes of this nature, would be invited to join the organisation.
