GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6185 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.04.2018

BULLETPROOF JACKETS

6185. SHRI C.S. PUTTA RAJU:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating production of bulletproof jackets indigenously and discourage imports in this field;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the NITI Aayog has prepared or proposes to prepare guidelines in this regard and incentives/sops are proposed to be given to the aspiring producers for developing indigenous production; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (d): NITI Aayog prepared a report titled "Roadmap for Make in India in Body Armour". Major recommendations made in the report covered issues such as promotion of indigenous manufacturing of body armours including raw materials, creating more testing facilities, adopting Indian Standards in Body Armours, setting up of Centres of Excellence to pursue R&D in nano-technology materials for lightweight body armours and simplification of procurement process.

The Government constituted an Empowered Committee on January 30, 2018 under the chairmanship of Member, NITI Aayog to drive and implement various recommendations of the report. The Empowered Committee will examine the proposals that will be received from the aspiring producers and take suitable decisions.
