

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

STARRED QUESTION NO.131

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH DECEMBER, 2018

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES

*131. SHRI PR. SENTHIL NATHAN:
SHRIMATI V. SATHYA BAMA:

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

- (a) whether the Government has initiated the proposal for formation of an autonomous wing of the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government provides adequate research and development facilities for defence research and its related departments located in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the total amount disbursed till date by the Government for the same, year-wise; and
- (d) the concrete steps taken by the Government to expedite the defence corridor proposal in Tamil Nadu?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE	(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)
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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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 131 FOR ANSWER ON 19.12.2018

(a) No, Madam.

(b) & (c): Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), a Research and Development (R&D) Wing of the Ministry of Defence is primarily mandated for indigenization of Weapons / Technologies for defence and is 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 for enhancing the national security. Government provides adequate budgetary support as and when required by DRDO and the same is provided also to Combat Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (CVRDE) and Research & Innovation Centre (RIC), DRDO labs located in Tamil Nadu. Details of funds allocated to the DRDO during the last three years are given below:-

Year	Allocation of funds to DRDO Laboratories (in Tamil Nadu)		
	CVRDE (Rs. in crore)	RIC (Rs. in crore)	Total (Rs. in crore)
2015-16	137.55	3.78	141.33
2016-17	159.63	7.54	167.17
2017-18	152.37	5.34	157.71
2018-19 (Budget Estimates)	267.76	6.68	274.44

(d) Two Defence Corridors were announced in the Union Budget 2018-19. Subsequent to the announcement of setting up of Defence Corridor in Tamil Nadu, five nodal points namely Hosur, Coimbatore, Salem, Chennai and Tiruchirappalli have been selected. Five Industrial meets have also been organized at these places, as per the following details:

- (i) Hosur: 26th February, 2018;**
- (ii) Coimbatore: 5th March, 2018;**
- (iii) Salem: 8th March, 2018;**
- (iv) Chennai: 10th March, 2018;**
- (v) Tiruchirappalli: 16th March, 2018.**

Consultant has been appointed for preparation for Detailed Project Report.
