

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2469
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH DECEMBER, 2018

REGIMENTS OF AKASH MISSILE

2469. SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI:

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

- (a) whether the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) recently gave approval for the procurement of two additional regiments of Akash Missile;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details and the benefits of the upgraded Akash Missile system;
- (d) whether the DAC is working on progressing design and development of other defence equipment; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) to (e): Yes Madam. The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has recently accorded 'Acceptance of Necessity' (AoN) for 02 regiments of Akash Missile.

The new Akash system will have enhanced capability alongwith better guidance system.

The Government is pursuing several initiatives under 'Make in India' to achieve higher levels of indigenisation and self-reliance in the defence sector. The initiatives to encourage local Research & Development and increase in indigenous content in DPP-2016 includes the following:

- (i) 'Make' procedures seek to address the multiple objectives of

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self-reliance, wider participation of Indian Industry, impetus to MSME sector. Simplified Make-II procedure has been introduced in Jan 2018 with a focus on development of equipment/system/platform or their upgrades or sub systems with intent on import substitution.

- (ii) A new category of procurement i.e. 'Buy (Indian-IDDMM)' has been introduced and will be the most preferred acquisition category, above the existing 'Buy (Indian)' category.**
- (iii) To enhance indigenous defence manufacturing capabilities through private sector, the Strategic Partnership model has been incorporated in DPP-2016 on 31st May, 2017.**

In addition, DRDO is undertaking various Design & Development projects of weapons. Further, Government has set up the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme, which aims at funding the development of defence and dual use technologies that are currently not available with the Indian defence industry or not have been developed so far. The scheme envisages creating an Eco-system for enhancing cutting edge technology capability for Defence application and to indicate R&D culture in MSMEs. IAF has already fielded seven projects under TDF scheme, while another six projects are lined up.
