

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3998
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17th JULY, 2019

DEFENCE CORRIDOR

3998. SHRI MAHABALI SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the proposed 'Defence Corridor' in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and also the status of manufacturing ultra modern fighter aircrafts under 'Make in India';
- (b) the details of the progress made in this regard till date and funds allocated for this purpose during the current financial year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to modernise existing ordnance factories so that better arms and ammunition may be manufactured; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

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(a) to (d): In pursuance to the budget announcement (2018-19) of Hon'ble Finance Minister, it has been decided to set up two Defence Industrial Corridors in the Country, one in Uttar Pradesh and another in Tamil Nadu. Subsequently, six nodes in Uttar Pradesh Defence Corridor viz. Agra, Aligarh, Chitrakoot, Jhansi, Kanpur and Lucknow have been identified. Similarly, for Tamil Nadu Defence Corridor, five nodes viz. Chennai, Coimbatore, Hosur, Salem, and Tiruchirappalli have been identified.

Till date, six consultation meetings of stakeholders each in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu were organized across its various nodes.

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During the Aligarh meet held on 11th August, 2018, investments of over Rs.3700 crore were announced for Uttar Pradesh Corridor by OFB/DPSUs & Private Industries. Similarly, during the Tiruchirappalli meet held on 20th January, 2019, an investment of over Rs.3100 crore were announced by OFB/DPSUs & Private industries for Tamil Nadu Defence Corridor.

Further, Government has also appointed a consultant for the preparation of Detailed Project Report for the Defence Corridors.

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has planned capital investment of Rs.1200 crore over the period of 5 years in their units located at Lucknow, Kanpur, Korwa and Naini. Modernization program of factories under OFB is primarily focused on manufacture quality product with cost effectiveness, taking into account the current and long term future requirements for Indian Armed Forces.
