

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1691**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

**ORGANIZATION FOR COMMERCIALISATION OF DEFENCE PRODUCTS**

1691. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to establish a dedicated organisation for commercialisation of weapons, equipment and defence technology on the lines of Antrix corporation for space services, keeping in view the increasing defence armaments manufacturing efficiency of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): The Government is not considering to develop a single dedicated organization for production of weapons, equipments and defence technology. It is submitted that erstwhile Ordnance Factories Board comprising of 41 ordnance factories have been corporatized w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2021 into 7 New Defence Public Sector Units for independent and profitable functioning of these factories with high exports. Further, private participation in Defence is being encouraged by creation of new category of capital procurement 'Buy Indian-IDDMM' (Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured) that has been introduced in Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP)-2016 to promote indigenous design and development of defence equipment. Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) 2016 has been further revised as Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020 which aims to provide the highest degree of probity, public accountability, transparency, fair competition and a level-playing field for Indian Private Defence Industries. To encourage competition and mutual growth, it is essential that multiple stakeholders in the form of Government (DRDO for R&D), Defence PSUs and Private Stakeholders take part in production of weapons, equipments and defence technology instead of a single dedicated organization.

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