

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1732
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16th December, 2022

DEFENCE CORRIDOR

1732. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
SHRI B.B. PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to build a defence corridor to connect military cantonments located in different States of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the construction of Bundelkhand Defence Corridor;
- (c) whether the Government has proposed any assessment of the employment opportunities generated locally through this corridor, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal for investment in the Defence Industry in Bundelkhand, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the total number of companies which have invested in such defence corridor along with the schemes or subsidies announced and other strategic support provided to companies by the Government in this regard?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) to (e): In order to give boost to the defence manufacturing ecosystem in the country, the Government of India has established two Defence Industrial Corridors (DICs), one in Uttar Pradesh and other in Tamil Nadu. 06(six) nodes viz. Agra, Aligarh, Chitrakoot, Jhansi, Kanpur and Lucknow have been identified for developing Uttar Pradesh Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC) and 05 (five) nodes viz. Chennai, Hosur, Coimbatore, Salem and Tiruchirappalli have been identified for developing Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor (TNDIC).

As per the information received from Government of Uttar Pradesh for UPDIC till 30th November 2022, 105 Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) have been signed with industries/organization, worth potential investments of Rs. 12,139 Crores. Already, Rs 2,422 Crore have been invested in UPDIC. Out of this, in Jhansi and Chitrakoot Nodes which fall in Bundelkhand region of UPDIC, 11 MoUs worth potential investment of Rs. 4,496 Crores have been signed with industries/ organization, and already Rs. 51 Crore have been invested. This has potential to create ample direct and indirect employment opportunities in the Defence Industrial Corridor. All the industries investing in UPDIC are eligible for incentives as defined in the Uttar Pradesh Aerospace & Defence and Employment Promotion Policy.

There is no scheme to build a Defence Corridor to connect Military Cantonments located in different States of the country.
