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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 574**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

**MODERNISATION OF DRDO**

574. SHRI SADASHIV KISAN LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country is forced to import defence equipment due to the delay caused by Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) in the development of indigenous weapon systems;
- (b) if so, the details thereof particularly post Kargil war; and
- (c) the measures proposed to be taken by the Government for modernisation of DRDO?

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MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): DRDO has developed various Platforms, Weapons, Systems and Equipment which has facilitated the modernization of the armed forces to enable it to face the myriad security challenges. The time taken for the development of these Platforms, Weapons, Systems and Equipment is at par with the contemporary global scenario and commensurate with the state to the Defence-Industry ecosystem that has grown significantly over the years from nascent beginnings.

However, Capital procurement of defence equipment are undertaken from various domestic as well as foreign vendors, based on threat perception, operational challenges and technological changes so as to keep the Armed Forces in a state of readiness and to meet the entire spectrum of security challenges.

Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) and Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP 2020) with a focus on “Atmanirbhar Bharat” and “Make in India” introduced major policy initiatives for boosting indigenous defence capability and reduction of reliance on imports. Further, DAP-2020 provides the highest preference to Buy Indian (IDDM) category of acquisition and Buy Global is only permitted in exceptional situations with specific approval of Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) / Raksha Mantri.

(c): Modernisation of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is a continuous process, wherein new technologies, systems, sub-systems are indigenously developed for Armed Forces. In addition to this, modernization of infrastructure facilities is also continuously taken up to support these activities.

DRDO has, over the past decade, given a number of systems and platforms to the Armed Forces viz. Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), Main Battle Tank (MBT), Missiles etc. These systems are contemporary and DRDO products worth more than Rs. 4 lakh Cr have been inducted or are in the process of induction in the Services.

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