

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 349
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th March, 2023

IMPACT OF AERO INDIA EXHIBITION

*349. SHRI D.M. KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the outcome and positive impact of Aero India exhibition held recently at Bengaluru;
- (b) the details of the Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) signed during the event;
- (c) whether the Government has given several projects to one particular group of companies in the Defence Corridor projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the details of different defence projects assigned to one group of companies during the last seven years along with their total value?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI RAJNATH SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION No. 349 FOR ANSWER ON 24.03.2023 REGARDING “IMPACT OF AERO INDIA EXHIBITION”.

(a): The 14th edition of Aero India-2023 was successfully organised by the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, Government of India, from 13th to 17th February 2023 at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.

The exhibition has been the largest since its inception in 1996 with participation of 104 Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) with 31 led at the Minister level and 809 exhibitors wherein 701 were Indian Exhibitors and 108 were Foreign Exhibitors. Aero India-2023 witnessed a total of 7+ lakh visitors over the five days. Two marquee events were organized during Aero India 2023 viz. CEOs Round-table and Defence Ministers’ Conclave namely, SPEED (Shared Prosperity through Enhanced Engagement in Defence) which facilitated interactions with 75 CEOs from the Global Top Aerospace and Defence (A&D) manufacturing companies and leadership from 72 Friendly Foreign Countries, respectively. Aero India-23 showcased the expanse of indigenous A&D industry including MSMEs and Start-ups, India’s reformed and reinvigorated ecosystem for business through policy interventions, promoted collaborations for business and sought investments from Foreign Original Equipment Manufacturers (FOEMs) in the country. India has reiterated its willingness to partner with FFCs in the A&D sector on equal terms to imbibe niche technology.

(b): A concerted effort was made towards forging B2B partnerships at the “Bandhan” ceremony and 266 such partnerships with a total value of INR 75000+ crores were formalised. The partnerships are a step towards increasing traction for business, Transfer of Technology (ToT) and Joint development between the companies. The details of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed during the Aero India-23 are available on the Aero India-23 website aeroindia.gov.in.

(c): No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.
