

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1509
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10th February, 2023

DEFENCE EXPO 2022

1509. SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently organized Defence Expo 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of countries participated in the event;
- (c) the number of Indian companies participated in the said event;
- (d) whether any countries have expressed their interest in purchasing various defence equipments manufactured in India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a): Yes, Sir. The 12th edition of DefExpo-2022 was successfully organized by the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, Government of India, from 18th to 22nd October, 2022 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

(b) & (c): The theme of DefExpo-2022 was 'Path to Pride'. DefExpo-2022 was exclusively organised for Indian defence companies. It witnessed more than 15 lakh visitors and saw the highest ever participation from the exhibitors i.e. 1340 in number. A total of 80 Friendly Foreign Countries attended DefExpo-2022.

Moreover, the 2nd edition of the India Africa Defence Dialogue (IADD) was also held at DefExpo-2022 where 50 African countries participated in the Dialogue attesting the high priority accorded to India-Africa engagement in defence and security.

Further, 41 countries attended the Indian Ocean Region (IOR)+ Defence Ministers' Conclave held during DefExpo on 19th October, 2022 at Gandhinagar. The conclave facilitated dialogue towards fostering a stable and peaceful Indian Ocean, with strategic and commercial partnerships within the IOR, in line with Hon'ble Prime Minister's Vision of Security and Growth for all in the Region (SAGAR).

(d) & (e): India exports defence items to more than 75 countries. However, the names of countries cannot be divulged due to strategic reasons.
