1475. SHRI SANJAY SADASHIV RAO MANDLIK:
    SHRI GAJANAN KIRTIKAR:
    SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:
    SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:
    SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foreign defence industries who jointly manufacture defence platforms with Indian defence industries;

(b) whether the Government proposes to jointly manufacture defence platforms and equipment with the Russian defence industry to give boost to the two nations export to third countries and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has urged the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) to partner with Indian entities making the use of Make-in-India initiative and if so, the details thereof and the response of OEM in this regard;

(d) whether India has set up defence corridors in the State of Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and offered attractive terms for investment in the defence sector in the country and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the manufacturing under the agreement in India would lead to reduction in cost, reduction in timelines of the supplies and progressive indigenisation of spares and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether India has also signed an Inter-governmental Agreement (IGA) with Russia on mutual cooperation in joint manufacturing of spares, components, aggregates and other materials related to Russian origin arms and defence equipments and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(Shri Shripad Naik)

(a) to (f): A statement is attached.
(a) to (f): Government policies and initiatives encourage all foreign companies including Russian companies to set up their manufacturing facilities in the country through partnerships/joint ventures with Indian companies. So far, 42 FDI proposals/Joint Ventures (JVs) have been approved for manufacture of various defence equipments, both in public and private sector which include 3 JVs with Russia viz. M/s Multirole Transport Aircraft Ltd, M/s Indo-Russian Helicopters Ltd and M/s Indo Russian Rifles Pvt Ltd.

Recently, an Inter – Governmental Agreement (IGA) on Joint manufacturing of Spares, Components, Aggregates and other material related to Russian/ Soviet origin Arms and Defence Equipment was signed during the 20th India-Russia Bilateral Summit held at Vladivostok on 04.01.2019. The objective of the IGA is to enhance the After Sales Support of Russian origin equipment currently in service in Indian Armed Forces through partnership of Russian OEMs with the Indian industry under the framework of “Make in India” initiative. The IGA stipulates assurance of orders for minimum five years to manufacturing facilities created under the agreement subject to reduction in cost, reduction in time frame of supplies and ensuring progressive indigenisation of products in India.

Government has decided to set up one corridor each in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. During the Aligarh meet on UP Defence Industrial Corridor held on 11.08.2018, investments of over Rs. 3700 Crore were announced by OFB/DPSUs/private industries for Uttar Pradesh Defence corridor. Similarly, during the launch of Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor held at Tiruchirappalli on 20.01.2019, an investment of over Rs. 3100 crore was announced by OFB/DPSUs/private industries for Tamil Nadu Defence corridor.
List of Agreements including IGA signed/proposed to be signed with Russia

a) As part of IGA with Russia, Indian Govt is procuring 04 Missile Frigates of Project 1135.6. While 02 Frigates will be constructed at Russia and 02 Frigates are scheduled to be constructed at GSL under collaboration with the Russian Side. GSL is interacting with the following Russian agencies for this project through Rosoboronexport:

   i. Sovernoye Design Bureau – Project Documentation
   ii. Yantar Shipyard – Build Material Package
   iii. SSTC – Principle Technology Document

b) BEL is in discussions with M/s Electroprivor Russia with regard to ToT for Arrays for Doppler Velocity Log (DVL).

c) MDL is involved in Ship and Submarine construction for Indian Navy. The major equipment are generally nominated by the customer i.e. IN. Long term requirement of spares i.e. Base & Depot spares is decided by IN and same is required to be procured from the OEMs. Further, MDL has tied up with following parties –

   i. Naval Group, France for Submarine construction
   ii. Thyssenkrupp Marine system, Germany for Submarine Refit/Repair

d) BEML is in discussion for indigenous manufacture of components/aggregates for Russian origin Defence equipments.

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