

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.545**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2019

**IMPORT OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENTS**

545. SHRI VASANTHAKUMAR H.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h  
be pleased to state:

- (a) the action taken by the Government to reduce imports of defence equipments;
- (b) whether it is a fact that India is the largest importer of defence equipments and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government is encouraging production of domestic defence equipments and R&D works in the field of defence and if so, the details thereof and fund allocation made in this regard during the last three years?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) The Government has taken the following steps to reduce imports of defence equipment and encourage production of domestic defence equipment in the country:-

- i. A new category of procurement 'Buy [Indian-IDDM (Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured)]' has been introduced in DPP-2016 to promote indigenous design and development of defence equipment. This category has the highest priority for capital acquisitions. Besides, preference is accorded to 'Buy (Indian)', 'Buy and Make (Indian)' & 'Make' categories of capital acquisition over 'Buy (Global)' & 'Buy & Make (Global)' categories.

ii. Strategic Partnership model has been introduced in DPP 2016 with the overall aim to progressively build indigenous capabilities in the private sector to design, develop and manufacture complex weapon systems for the future needs of the Armed Forces.

iii. The 'Make' Procedure has been simplified and projects not exceeding development cost of ` 10 Crore (Government funded) and ` 3 Crore (Industry funded) have been reserved for Indian MSMEs.

iv. Separate procedure for 'Make-II' sub-category has been notified wherein a number of industry friendly provisions such as a minimal documentation, provision for considering suo-moto proposals by industry/individual and assured order on successful prototype development have been introduced.

(b) There is no authoritative and official information on India being the largest importer of defence equipment as no country officially reveals information on import of defence equipment.

(c) During the last three financial years (2016-17 to 2018-19), 149 contract have been concluded for procurement of defence equipment, of these 91 contracts have been concluded with Indian vendors.

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), is involved in design and development of strategic, complex and security sensitive systems in the fields of missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles, radars, electronic warfare systems, sonars combat vehicles, combat aircraft, sensors etc for the Armed Forces as per their specific Qualitative Requirements for enhancing the national security of the country. Value of systems/products/technologies developed/upgraded by DRDO and inducted into the Services or in the process of induction stands over Rs.2.75 Lakh Cr.

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