

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2840
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th March, 2020

DEFENCE CORRIDORS

2840. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJI BHAI SOLANKI:
SHRI AJAY KUMAR MISRA TENI:
SHRI PARVESH SAHIB SINGH VERMA:
SHRI PARTHIBAN S.R.:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of defence corridors in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu and the purpose of these defence corridors and the manner in which they help in achieving India's goal of self-reliance in defence;
- (b) the number of projects completed and the details of production units set up in these corridors so far;
- (c) the incentives given to private players and foreign companies for establishing defence production units in these corridors;
- (d) whether the Ministry is planning to make more defence corridors including one in Delhi and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the benefits likely to accrue to defence sector as a result of these defence corridors and the employment opportunities expected to be generated therein?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

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(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2840 FOR ANSWER ON 11.03.2020 REGARDING 'DEFENCE CORRIDORS'.

(a) to (e): In pursuance to the budget announcement (2018-19), it has been decided to set up two Defence Industrial Corridors in the Country, one in Uttar Pradesh and another in Tamil Nadu. Subsequently, six nodes in Uttar Pradesh Defence Corridor viz. Agra, Aligarh, Chitrakoot, Jhansi, Kanpur and Lucknow have been identified. Similarly, for Tamil Nadu Defence Corridor, five nodes viz. Chennai, Coimbatore, Hosur, Salem and Tiruchirappalli have been identified. Till date, six consultation meeting of stakeholders each in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu were organized across its various nodes.

Investments of approximately Rs.3700 crore were announced by Ordnance Factory Board (OFB/Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) & Private Industries for Uttar Pradesh Defence Corridors and investment of approx Rs.3100 crore were announced by OFB/DPSUs & private industries for Tamil Nadu Defence Corridor.

Further, Government has also appointed a consultant for the preparation of policy and Detailed Project Report (DPR) for these two Defence Corridors. Incentives to private players and foreign companies are provided under the respective state policies.

Setting up of Defence Industrial Corridors would catalyse indigenous production of defence and aerospace related items, thereby reducing our reliance on imports and promoting export of these items to other countries. This will lead to achieve India's goal of self-reliance in defence, generation of direct/indirect employment opportunities and growth of private domestic manufacturers, Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and Star-ups.

Presently, there is no proposal to set up more Defence Industrial Corridor(s) in the country.
