

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.422
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd February, 2021

DEFENCE PROCUREMENT AGREEMENTS

422. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

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

- (a) the number of defence procurement agreements signed by the Government with the Governments of other countries during each of the last three years and the current year along with the amount involved therein, Country-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has adhered to the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) signing such agreements during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of complaints received regarding irregularities/corruptions in signing such agreements and the action taken/being taken on such complaints so far; and
- (e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) to (c): Procurement of Military equipment and systems are undertaken based upon operation requirements of the Armed Forces as per Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP)/Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP). The DAP and DPP inter-alia provide for capital acquisitions for the Armed Forces through Inter Government Agreement (IGA)/Government to Government arrangements such as Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) with friendly foreign countries. During last three years and current year, 20 such IGAs/LOAs have been entered into with Russia and USA for capital acquisitions of defence equipment such as Aircrafts, Helicopters, frigates, small Arms, Ammunitions etc.

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(d) & (e): The capital procurement of defence equipment is carried out as per the provisions of Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP)/Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) which contains provisions including the signing of Pre-Contract Integrity Pact (PCIP), Standard Clauses in the contract and submission of Integrity Pact Bank Guarantee (IPBG) by the vendor, with an aim to ensure highest degree of probity and public accountability, transparency in operations, free competition and impartiality. In addition, DAP/DPP provides that complaints arising at any stage of the acquisition process are examined by a panel of nominated and CVC approved Independent External Monitors (IEMs) based on referral by MoD (Acquisition)/any other Department of MoD or suo-moto complaints by the vendors/any other agency. All the ibid provisions ensure desired transparency and objectivity in dealing with the complaints arising out of acquisition process.
