GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.427 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3rd February, 2021

MANUFACTURE OF EQUIPMENTS

427. SHRI JAGDAMBIKA PAL:

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

(a) whether the Government is likely to manufacture101 defence equipments in future and is not likely to import the said equipments; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken by the Government in this regard to become self-reliant in manufacturing of defence equipments?

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MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) & (b): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 427 FOR ANSWER ON 03.02.2021 REGARDING 'MANUFACTURE OF EQUIPMENTS'.

(a) The Government has taken a decision to put an interim embargo on import of 101 defence weapons/platforms with an intention to promote manufacture by Indian Industries.

(b) In order to provide impetus to self-reliance in defence manufacturing as part of Atmanirbhar Bharat, the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) under Ministry of Defence vide their office Memorandum dated 21/08/2020 has issued a negative list of imports comprising of 101 weapon/platforms, alongwith indicative timelines/year of import embargo for these items. The Department of Defence Production (DDP) has done capability mapping of DPSUs/OFB/Private Sector for manufacturing 101 items after taking feedback from DPSUs/OFB and private industry associations.

In order to achieve self reliance, the Government has taken various initiatives which, inter-alia, include priority to procure defence items from Indian Vendors as per Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020; simplification of Make Procedure; liberalisation of FDI Policy; launching of SRIJAN Portal to promote indigenization; reforms in offset policy; launch of Innovation for Defence Excellence (iDEX) scheme; and implementation of 'Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India)' Order-2017.
