

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4679
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24th March, 2021

DEFENCE PRODUCTION UNITS

4679. MS. MIMI CHAKRABORTY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE please be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has signed agreement with foreign countries to set up equipment manufacturing units and defence production units in the country during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the agreements thereto;
- (c) the present status of all the defence deals in respect of foreign agreements that have been done since 2013-14 period to 2020 December therefor;
- (d) the details of capacity, production and participation of our public sector units to promote indigenization and self-reliance in the defence sector; and
- (e) the details of domestic private partners coordinating and/or participating in such defence deals of the country since 2013-14?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4679 FOR ANSWER ON 24.03.2021 REGARDING 'DEFENCE PRODUCTION UNITS'

(a) & (b): During the last three years, Government has signed Agreement on “Mutual Cooperation in Joint Manufacturing of Spares, Components, Aggregates and other material related to Russian/Soviet Origin Arms and Defence Equipment”.

(c) Since 2013-2014 till December, 2020, 11 important defence agreements have been signed with foreign countries for defence cooperation.

(d) Ministry of Defence has notified a ‘Negative list’ of 101 identified items for which there would be an embargo on the import beyond the timeline indicated against them. This is a big step towards self-reliance in defence. This offers a great opportunity to the Indian defence industry including Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) to manufacture these items indigenously and develop capabilities to meet the requirements of the Armed Forces. This list includes some high technology weapon systems like artillery guns, assault rifles, corvettes, sonar systems, transport aircrafts, light combat helicopters (LCHs), radars etc. to fulfil the needs of our Defence Services. Further, an indigenization portal namely SRIJAN has also been launched in August, 2020 for Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSUs)/Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)/Services with an industry interface to provide development support to MSMEs/Startups/Industry for import substitution. As on date, 9370 Defence items, which were earlier imported, have been displayed on the portal. The Indian industry has shown interest for 1864 displayed items so far.

(e) Domestic private partners are allowed to participate in such defence deals. The details of such deals and the partners therein cannot be divulged at this stage due to strategic reasons.
