

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3307**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2021

**IMPORT OF WEAPONS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT**

3307. SHRI RAMCHARAN BOHRA:  
SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India has become the largest importer of weapons and military equipment;
- (b) if so, the details of the weapons and military equipment imported during the last three years along with the total expenditure thereon;
- (c) whether most of the modernized weapons are being imported from foreign countries;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the policies being implemented by the Government to make the country self-reliant in the field of modern weapons?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

- (a) There is no official information that India is one of the top importers of military hardware globally since no country officially reveals information on their import of defence equipment.
- (b) to (d): During the last three Financial Years and current Financial Year (upto November, 2021), Out of total 185 contracts, 70 contracts have been signed with foreign vendors including those from Russia, USA, Israel, France and United Kingdom for capital procurement of defence equipment for Armed Forces. The major defence equipment imported includes Radars, Rockets, Guns, Rifles, Aircraft, Helicopters, Missiles and Ammunition.

(e) Government of India / Ministry of Defence through the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP)-2020 and other policy initiatives has focused on boosting indigenous defence capability, reducing reliance on imports and promoting Aatmanirbhar Bharat. Some of these measures/initiatives are as under:-

- Notification of lists of weapons / equipment / platforms for ban on import.
- Introduced a new category “Buy (Global-Manufacture in India) to enable Foreign OEMs to set up manufacturing facilities in India.
- Make-III (newly introduced in DAP 2020) category to enable indigenization of spares and import substitution.
- Revision of offset guidelines focused towards development of Defence ecosystem while giving incentives to ToT and Defence Manufacturing, encouraging MSMEs & Defence Industrial Corridors.
- Reservation for MSMEs on orders upto Rs 100 crore / year.
- System for incentivizing the use of Indigenous Military Material and Software to encourage indigenization of military material and indigenous development of software for military use.

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