

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4987
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST APRIL, 2022

FUND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY

4987. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any provision of corpus for the Technology Development Fund set up to encourage participation of public/private industries in the field of Defence Technology development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the number of grants that have been made available to the private sector, especially the Micro Small & Medium Enterprises sector for developing Research & Development in the defense technology?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a): The Government had announced an initial sum of Rs. 100 Cr to set up Technology Development Fund (TDF) vide para 143 of Union Budget 2014-15 to provide necessary assistance to industries specially MSMEs and Startups in the field of defence technology development.

(b): Under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) Scheme, public/private industries especially MSMEs and Startups are funded upto 90% of total project value upto Rs. 10 Crore as grant-in-aid for development of cutting edge technologies, that are currently not available in the country.

(c): At present, a total of 30 projects have been awarded to various MSMEs under TDF scheme for development of the technologies.
