

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2176
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29th July, 2022

PREFERENCE TO INDIGENOUSLY MANUFACTURED WEAPONS

2176. SHRI ASHOK KUMAR RAWAT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian army proposes to give preference to indigenously manufactured state-of-the-art weapons; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

(a) & (b): The Government has taken several policy initiatives in the past few years under 'Make in India' Programme and brought in reforms to encourage indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence equipment in the country, thereby reducing import of defence equipment. These initiatives, inter-alia, include the following:-

- (i) Due priority is being accorded for procurement of capital items from domestic sources under Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP)-2020.
- (ii) In the last financial year, 'Acceptance of Necessity' (AoNs) processed by Indian Army are 100% indigenous.
- (iii) The process of Industrial Licensing has been simplified with longer validity period.
- (iv) Foreign Direct Investment Policy has been liberalized thereby allowing 74% FDI under automatic route.
- (v) The Innovations for Defence Excellence (IDEX) scheme involving Start Ups & Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) has been launched.
- (vi) Implementation of the Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order 2017 and notifying the Policy for indigenization of components and spares used in Defence Platforms in March 2019.
- (vii) An Indigenisation portal namely SRIJAN has been launched to facilitate indigenization by Indian industry including MSMEs.

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- (viii) Reforms have been brought in offset policy with thrust on attracting investment and Transfer of Technology for Defence Manufacturing.
- (ix) Two Defence Industrial Corridors have been established one each in Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

The Government has also taken various steps for self-reliance in all the defence related projects. Three Positive Indigenisation Lists (PILs) comprising 310 items have been promulgated by the Ministry of Defence. Further, in continuous pursuit of self-reliance in defence manufacturing and to minimize import by DPSUs, Ministry of Defence has notified two PILs of sub-system/assemblies/sub-assemblies/components. In addition to the above, the Government has also identified and announced 18 major platforms for industry led Design & Development under various routes prescribed in Defence Acquisition Procedure-2020 namely, Make-I, Make-II, Special purpose Vehicle (SPV) and Innovations for Defence Excellence (IDEX).
