

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION  
**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3222**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2025

**DELAY IN DEFENCE PILOT PROJECTS**

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of delayed defence pilot projects along with the total cost escalation due to such delays;
- (b) the details of defence pilot projects which have failed to meet their objectives despite substantial expenditure;
- (c) whether the Government has identified/fixed accountability on anyone for such delays and conducted any independent audit in this regard during the last five years, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether it is a fact that several pilot projects in the defence sector were sanctioned without adequate strategic justification and if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to prevent further wastage of public funds on unproductive/non-priority defence projects;
- (e) whether any foreign/private contractors were involved in these delayed defence projects, if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) whether the Government has received any complaints/representations from the Armed Forces regarding the delays in critical defence pilot projects and if so, the details thereof?

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(SHRI SANJAY SETH)

- (a) DRDO does not undertake any project under the category of Pilot Project. DRDO undertakes Mission Mode (MM) Projects to deliver State-of-the-Art weapons systems and platform to Indian Armed Forces.
- (b) to (f) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

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