

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.979
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 29TH APRIL, 2016

DEFENCE INDUSTRIES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH

979. SHRI VIRENDER KASHYAP:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE j{k k ea=h
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to create activities under "Make in India" programme concerning defence industries in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to provide special quota for recruitments in Armed Forces to the youths of Himachal Pradesh or hilly people; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

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(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 979 FOR ANSWER ON 29.4.2016

(a) & (b): The Government under 'Make in India' initiative, encourages the participation of Indian defence industry in defence production, in all the States / Union Territories of the country including Himachal Pradesh, through various policy measures such as preference to 'Buy (Indian)', 'Buy & Make (Indian)' & 'Make' categories of acquisition over 'Buy (Global)' category in defence procurement, liberalisation of Foreign Direct Investment and Industrial Licensing Policy, "level-playing-field" between private sector and the public sector through removing anomalies in taxation in Customs / Excise duty etc.

So far, two firms located in Himachal Pradesh have been issued Industrial Licences for manufacture of Defence equipment such as bullet proof jackets, Aircraft components etc.

(c) & (d): The recruitment in Armed Forces is open to all citizens of the country without any discrimination to caste, creed, religion, region or community. Recruitment in Indian Army and Indian Navy is carried out on all India basis on State-wise merit of eligible Recruitable Male Population (RMP) of the State. In Indian Air Force, the recruitment of Airmen is on all India Merit basis through Scheduled selection tests.

At present, there is no proposal for special quota for recruitments in Armed Forces to the youths of Himachal Pradesh or hilly people.
