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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3254
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 5TH AUGUST, 2016

UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES

3254. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken steps for development of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether UAVs are useful in maintaining internal security like combating terrorism / naxalism; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF DEFENCE

(SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

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(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has undertaken several Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) projects like:-

- **Indigenous development of Medium Altitude Long Endurance (MALE) UAV & Development of Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga (Rustom-II).**
- **UAV – Nishant.**
- **Wheeled version of Nishant UAV – Panchi.**
- **Lead in Project for Development of Naval Rotary Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (NRUAV).**
- **Technology Initiative for the development of MALE UAV (Rustom-I).**

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(c) & (d): Nishant UAVs are useful for reconnaissance and monitoring of Naxal / terrorist infested areas. The same was demonstrated (Nishant-UAV) to CRPF at Jagdalpur, Chattisgarh in February 2015.

A 2 Kg class vehicle developed by DRDO was demonstrated to various security agencies, like Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), National Security Guard (NSG), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). These vehicles have been appreciated by them for internal security.
