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CAPABILITY OF DRDO

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has urged upon Defence Research and Development Organisation to redefine its approaches and restructure its capabilities in order to meet the requirements of the armed forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the follow-up action taken by DRDO in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) Yes, Sir. Group of Ministers (GoM) have given recommendations for effective functioning and better co-ordination between DRDO, User Services and the production units of Ministry of Defence.

(b) & (c): The details of improving co-ordination are:-

- DRDO is participating in the acquisition process of Services requirement and categorization Committees for taking expedient decision on 'Buy', 'Buy and Make' and 'Make' categories.

- DRDO is organizing Defence R&D Board meetings for joint review of DRDO programmes by Senior Officials of Ministry of Defence and Services and to incorporate Services requirements/views.

- DRDO is also participating in Cluster meetings organized/chaired by Chairman cum Managing Directors of Defence Public Sector Undertakings/Ordnance Factories to synergise R&D and production efforts.