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RESTRUCTURING OF DRDO

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has examined the report of Dr. P. Rama Rao Committee on restructuring of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) the details of major DRDO projects sanctioned decades ago and yet to be completed, indicating the technologies/products developed during the last ten years;
- (d) the funds allocated to DRDO during the last three years and utilization thereof;
- (e) the recruitment of scientists made during the said period; and
- (f) the steps taken to strengthen this Organisation to make it competitive on a global level?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

- (a) & (b): The Government has appointed a Committee headed by Defence Secretary to examine the views of the stakeholders on the recommendations of Dr. P. Rama Rao Committee. The Committee is in the process of finalizing its report.
- (c) The details of major ongoing DRDO projects, which are yet to be completed with technologies/products developed during the last ten years is given at Appendix 'A'.
- (d) Funds allocated and utilized by DRDO during the last three years is given below:-

Year 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

Allocation 6256.81 7737.64 8317.27
(Rs. in Crore)

Percentage of 97.57 99.44 97.68#
Utilization

of Budget

Based on CGDA 15th corrections.

Upto March (pre) CGDA.

- (e) DRDO has inducted 523, 625 and 754 scientists during the year 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively.
- (f) The following steps have been taken to strength the organisation:-
 - (i) Consortium approach has been used for design, development and fabrication of critical components.
 - (ii) Three-tier project monitoring approach is being followed in the major projects/programmes.

(iii) Project Monitoring Review Committee (PMRC); and Project Appraisal and Review Committee (PARC) meetings are held regularly to monitor the progress of the ongoing projects.

(iv) Concurrent engineering approach has been adopted in technology intensive projects to minimize time-lag between development and productionisation of the systems, and Information Technology and modern management techniques have been applied.

(v) Participation of Services in all major programmes right from the beginning of the projects, etc.

(vi) Large number of R&D projects and research initiatives taken up with nearly 100 academic and other scientific establishments.

There are also international collaborations to fortify DRDO's strength.