

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF DRDO

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient achievements made by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in civil and military research during the last five years;
- (b) the total number of DRDO laboratories in the country and proposal, if any, to set up new laboratories;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to revamp the DRDO so as to check time and cost overruns of the research projects and supply the equipment to the armed forces in time;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the DRDO has held discussion with the officials of National Security Guard regarding its inventions and utility thereof for police forces; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is primarily engaged in design and development of strategic, complex and security sensitive systems for our Armed Forces. It has developed a number of systems during the last five years. These include missiles; unmanned aerial vehicles; radars; electronic warfare systems; sonars; torpedos; combat vehicles; bridging systems; combat aircraft; infrared seeker; sensors; NBC decontamination suites; parachutes; propellants and explosives; detonators; composite materials; fuel cells; paints; antennas; communication systems; etc. A large number of DRDO developed systems have been productionised and inducted into Services and many are in the induction stage. The value of these systems comes to about Rs. 1,00,000 Cr.

(b) There are 50 laboratories/establishments functioning under Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and there is no proposal to set up new laboratory.

(c) & (d) The recommendations of Prof. Rama Rao Committee, as finalized by the Defence Secretary Committee, have been accepted by the Government. These include :-

- # Creation of Defence Technology Commission
- # Decentralization of DRDO Management and Financial Structure.
- # Revamping of DRDO Human Resource (HR) Structure.

These recommendations are aimed to check time and cost over runs, besides improving general functioning of DRDO.

(e) & (f) Yes, Madam. Discussions were held on technologies and equipment required for Low Intensity Conflict operations. These include :-

- # Detection Equipment
- # Less Lethal Weapons
- # Disposal of Explosives and Hazardous Materials
- # Personnel Protection.