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FAST TRACK RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan or proposes to formulate any plan for fast track research and development in the field of defence and various other fields;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (c): Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO) has formulated plans to fast-track Research and Development (R&D) in the field of Defence adopting both top down and bottom-up approaches and for working closely with the three Services for development of indigenous systems through `MAKE by DRDO and `MAKE` by Industry`.

The Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences has positioned several programmes to fast-track research and development in several other non-strategic areas like energy, environment biotechnology, nano technology, etc.