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DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to revamp the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and other Defence Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) in order to make them capable for developing advanced weapon systems without huge time and cost overruns;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government on the recommendations of the Rama Rao Committee to make DRDO more effective in defence production;
- (c) whether certain modernization projects of DRDO are affected due to delay in decision making by the Government;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government to make DRDO and other defence PSUs more resourceful and effective in defence production?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): An Independent Review Committee headed by Dr. P. Rama Rao was constituted by the Government for reviewing the functioning of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

The following recommendations of the Committee have been implemented:

- (i) Nomination of nodal officers for structured interaction between DRDO and Services.
- (ii) Integrated Financial Advice Scheme for financial decentralization.
- (iii) Appointment of a dedicated Chief Controller for Human Resources (HR).

Cabinet Note has been initiated for:

- (i) Creation of Defence Technology Commission (DTC).
- (ii) Creation of a Commercial Arm of DRDO.
- (iii) Renaming DG, DRDO as Chairman, DRDO.

The following recommendations are in various stages of implementation:

- (i) Creation of technology domain based clusters and appointments of Director Generals (DGs).
- (ii) Appointment of an HR Consultant and review of HR policies.
- (iii) Increase of budget for Extramural Research to 5% of DRDO Budget in a period of 3 years.
- (iv) Restructuring of DRDO Headquarters, Creation of System Analysis Centre (SAC), Directorate of Quality, Reliability and Safety (QR & S).

At present, there is no proposal to revamp the DPSUs to make them capable for developing advance weapons systems. However, DPSUs have been advised to substantially increase expenditure on R&D and modernization to upgrade their infrastructure and to be in tune with changing needs of technology / production.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) In view of (c) above, Question does not arise.

(e) Adequate resources have been made available by the Government for carrying out research and development works.

Government continuously monitors the capacity utilization of DPSUs and emphasis is given for augmentation and modernization of their capacities to meet the growing demand of the Armed Forces.