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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) had established Research and Innovation Centre (RIC) at IIT, Chennai, in the year 2012;
- (b) if so, whether DRDO proposes to set up such RICs in other IITs to extract best talent in the field of defence research;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to establish such RICs in other Regional Institutes of Technology?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): DRDO is planning to set up Advanced Technology Centres at prominent academic institutes, including IITs in the country for advancing directed basic research in the following areas:

Advanced Propulsion Technologies and Next Generation Aero Engine Technologies at IIT-Bombay;

Unmanned Autonomous Soldier – Assist Technologies at Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

(d) DRDO is organizing technical workshops with research faculty and scientists and negotiating with Institutes for establishing these Advanced Technology Centres at premier academic institutions. Research focus areas, existing capabilities and need for additional research facilities are assessed for establishing these centres.