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FUNDS SPENT ON DRDO
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total amount of money spent on the institution of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) since its inception by the Government;
- (b) the total number of personnel including scientists, military men and others employed in the DRDO at present;
- (c) the details of the contribution of the DRDO to the augmentation of defence production of the country;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up a commission to suggest the ways and means to tune up the functioning of the DRDO; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

- (a) Approx Rs. 1,36,420 Cr had been spent by the Department of Defence Research and Development since the inception of DRDO upto now.
- (b) The total number of personnel, including scientists, military men and others employed in the DRDO at present are given as below:

Cadre No. of
Employees

DRDS	7476
DRTC	9398
Service Officer	377
Admin & Allied Service	6091
ORs	1815
Total	25157
Number	

(c) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has been set up with the mandate of developing cutting edge technologies and systems for the Indian Armed Forces through R&D in all technology domains. DRDO labs have developed large number of weapon systems, platforms and defence equipment which are already in use/ready for induction by the Defence Services.

DRDO is only involved in the prototype development and subsequent production is through traditional production partners viz. Ordnance Factory Boards

(OFBs) and Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs). A number of Indian private sector firms have also been involved in our development programmes.

(d) & (e): A Committee headed by Dr. P. Rama Rao was constituted by the Government for reviewing the functioning of DRDO.

Till date, DRDO has implemented the following recommendations of the Committee:

Nomination of Nodal Officers for structured interaction between DRDO and Services.

Introduction of Integrated Financial Advice (IFA) Scheme for financial decentralization.

Appointment of a dedicated Chief Controller for Human Resources (HR).

Creation of Seven Technology Domain based Clusters headed by Directors General, Restructuring of DRDO HQrs, Creation of Directorate of Systems Analysis and Modelling (SAM) and Directorate of Quality, Reliability and Safety (QR&S).

Efforts have also been made to increase budget for Extramural Research as recommended by the Committee.