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Establishment of Defence Projects
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Bharat Electronics Limited proposes to establish a Defence Systems Integration Complex in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether as a part of Make in India Programme, some defence projects in collaboration with small and medium enterprises are also being taken up in the State; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a)&(b): Yes, Madam. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) intends to set up a state-of-the-art Missile Systems Integration Complex in Andhra Pradesh (AP). Hon'ble Raksha Mantri Shri Manohar Parrikar laid the foundation stone for the 900 acres complex at Palasamudram in Anantapur district on 30th September, 2015 in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Shri Chandrababu Naidu, Hon'ble Union Minister for Urban Development Shri Venkaiah Naidu and other dignitaries.

This new Missile Systems Integration Complex will further strengthen the Defence capabilities in the country and enable manufacturing, integration and testing of Surface-to-Air Missile Systems.

(c)&(d): Yes, Madam. BEL has taken various initiatives to enhance procurement from MSMEs (Micro Small and Medium Enterprises) toward achieving the goals of 'Make in India' policy. BEL's unit at Machilipatnam, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh has been sourcing items required for the manufacture of Electro-optic products from MSMEs of Andhra Pradesh State. Further, some of the components, sub-systems, mechanical parts required for setting up of the Missile Integration Complex at Palasamudram, Anantapur. BEL will be sourced from private vendors / SMEs of Andhra Pradesh. BEL has also identified some MSMEs in the State as technology partners for collaborative Research & Development based on their capabilities and BEL's requirements in future.
