

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2180  
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Strategic Partner Status to Private Players  
Ninama Shri Manshankar

**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has accorded special 'Strategic Partner' status to certain private sector players for major military manufacturing projects;
- (b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (c) whether various stakeholders have raised concerns over the same;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (e): The Committee of Experts headed by Shri Dhirendra Singh gave recommendations to the Government on 'Strategic Partnership Model' for creating capacity in the private sector on a long-term basis over and above the capacity and infrastructure that exists in Public Sector Units. Pursuant to its recommendations, the V.K. Aatre Task Force was constituted to lay down criteria for selection of Strategic Partners for various platforms from the Private Sector Industry. It has presented its Report to the Government.

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