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Indo-Portugal Defence Cooperation

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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Portugal have signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) for cooperation in defence sector to boost joint production and development of weapons systems and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether under the aforesaid agreements joint ventures and commercial partnership will be set up under Make in India programme and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether joint ventures and commercial partnership will be based on the joint production and technology transfer and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent to which India is likely to be benefitted from the aforesaid agreements?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)

IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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(a) to (d): A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Defence Cooperation between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of India and the Ministry of National Defence of the Portuguese Republic was signed on 07.01.2017 in New Delhi. The MoU is an enabling framework which seeks to foster bilateral defence cooperation including high level, working level and educational and research oriented exchanges. This also includes exchanges of views in various areas such as security challenges, maritime security, UN peacekeeping operations and as also defence industries.
