

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

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Jobs in DRDO  
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether reportedly nearly thirty two percent of country's scientific assets are engaged in sundry jobs in various laboratories of the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) which may seriously affect self-reliance in defence sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof laboratory-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any effective steps to check the misuse of best talents of the country by DRDO; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)  
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(a) & (b): No, Madam. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), a Research and Development (R&D) wing of Ministry of Defence, is primarily involved in design and development of strategic, complex and security sensitive systems in the fields of missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles, radars, electronic warfare systems, sonars combat vehicles, combat aircraft, sensors, etc for the Armed Forces as per their specific Qualitative Requirements for enhancing the national security of the country. As area of R&D is very diverse manifold so, eminent scientists are working in a variety of systems/Technologies. Value of systems/products/technologies developed/ upgraded by DRDO and inducted into the Services or in the process of induction stands over Rs 2.56 lakh Cr. This figure does not include Strategic Systems.

(c) & (d): DRDO optimally utilizes the scientific manpower by following dynamic system of manpower planning.

Authorised Regular Establishment (RE) is reviewed periodically to meet the contingent requirements on account of workload and new projects undertaken by the laboratories of DRDO. Most of the labs follow a matrix structure of manpower allocation for projects. Each lab has multiple technology groups based on the area of the work of the lab. The project has a small core team and most of the technical activities associated with the project is assigned to the technology group in the lab or even in other system labs.

Thus a scientist in a technology group may be working on multiple projects wherein that particular technology goes into it. Further, these projects can also be from other DRDO labs.

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