

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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MANUFACTURING OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENTS BY PRIVATE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has approved proposals for private manufacturing of defence equipments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the response of the private sector thereto;
- (d) whether many foreign defence companies have shown keen interest for tie-ups with India; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE PRODUCTION (SHRI BIJOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) & (c): The Department of industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), in consultation with the Ministry of Defence have so far issued 16 Letters of Intent/Industrial Licence for manufacture of various types of defence equipment. However, none of the Letter of Intent/Industrial Licence holder has commenced production so far.
- (d) Yes, Sir.
- (e) Major foreign manufacturers of Defence equipment from France, Israel, Russia, USA, UK, Singapore, Sweden, South Africa, Poland and Germany have shown interest for tie-ups with Indian manufacturers.