

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
DEFENCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4988  
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2016  
Expansion of Production Facility of BEL  
Rao Shri Konakalla Narayana

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to expand the production facility of Bharat Electronics Limited's (BEL) in Machilipatnam;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the process of expansion, proposed timeline for completion and the expected amount of employment and investment to be incurred in Machilipatnam?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)  
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE  
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(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) is in the process of setting up a new factory at Nimmakuru village, located around 16 KM from the existing Machilipatnam unit in Krishna District of Andhra Pradesh, for the manufacture of advanced Night Vision Products. The proposed budget is around Rs. 270 crore. Foundation stone of the said factory was laid on 19th September, 2016. Construction work is under progress. The proposed timeline for completion of the project is in the financial year 2019-20. The new production facility is likely to generate employment for around 500 persons.

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