

## Portable Diver Detection Sonar

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In consonance with Government of India's 'Make in India' Policy; Indian Navy on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017, has concluded a contract with Tata Power Strategic Engineering Division for supply of Portable Diver Detection Sonar (PDDS) under the 'Buy and Make (Indian)' category. This is the second contract to be signed by the Indian Navy under the 'Buy and Make (Indian)' category to boost Government of India's Defence indigenisation effort. The maiden contract under this category was also signed earlier this year by the Indian Navy for supply of Surface Surveillance Radar for *IN warships*.

Portable Diver Detection Sonar would be manufactured by Tata Power SED in India at their facility at Bengaluru with Transfer of Technology from DSIT Israel. Induction of weapons and sensors under 'Buy and Make (Indian)' category, is one the numerous measures being taken by the Indian Navy to boost indigenisation for ensuring a self reliant Navy, in line with the Government of India's 'Make in India' initiative. Induction of Portable Diver Detection Sonar would further enhance Indian Navy's Underwater Surveillance Capability in the field of Low Intensity Maritime Operations. Procurement of these sonars for utilisation onboard ships is being undertaken by the Indian Navy to augment countermeasures against asymmetric threats.

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