## Strategic Partnership in Defence Sector

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A Committee of Experts headed by Shri Dhirendra Singh had made recommendations to the Government on 'Strategic Partnership Model' for creating capacity in the private sector on a long-term basis. Based on these recommendations, the V.K. Aatre Task Force was constituted to lay down criteria for selection of Strategic Partners for various platforms from the Private Sector. The Task Force has submitted its Report which is under consideration of the Government.

Meanwhile, capital acquisitions are being undertaken as per the extant defence procurement procedures, which are aligned to the Make in India initiative of Government. In the last 2 financial years and the current year, 134 capital procurement proposals have been accorded AoNs, of which 96 cases will involve contracts with Indian vendors.

This information was given by Minister of State for Defence Dr. Subhash Bhamre in a written reply toShrimatiRanjeetRanjanin Lok Sabha today.

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