

Q Discuss Various Steps taken by Government to ensure Indigenization of Defence Manufacturing in India Also, highlight various constraints & challenges in ensuring Atma Nirbhar Bharat in defence Manufacturing in India (20-25)

Answer

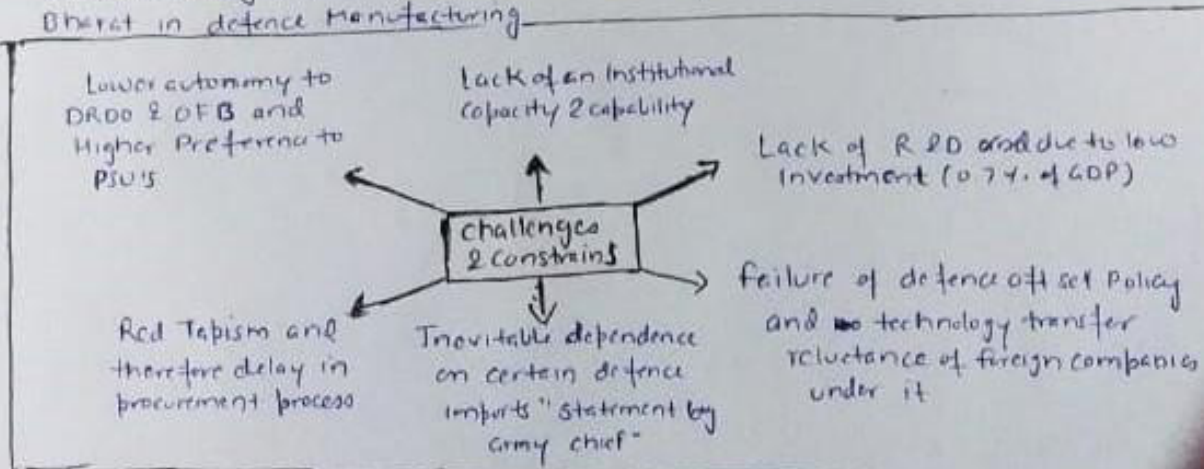
In a recent report of SIPRI it has been highlighted that India is the 2nd largest arm importing country and imports almost 70% of its defence products. In this same report it has also been highlighted that India's arms imports have come down by 33%.

This is effect of various Government policies from making India self Reliant in defence Manufacturing sector.

Government steps to Ensure Indigenization of defence sector

1. Liberalization of defence sector FDI earlier 49% to 74% via automatic route and further by government route
2. Allowing Private Players in the defence manufacturing
3. New Defence Procurement Procedure (2020-25) where focus will be on 'Buy - Indian' (Indigenously developed, designed & manufactured), Buy & Make (Indian) over Buy (Global) category
4. Defence Production & Export Promotion Policy (DPEEP) 2020 to reduce import of defence goods & export worth \$ 5 billion
5. Corporatization of Ordnance factory Board
6. Negative list of Imports & ban on certain defence goods imports to promote indigenization
7. Establishment of defence corridors in Tamil Nadu & UP.
8. Various on going and projects like Project 75, Tejas aircraft, Long range artillery gun 'Dhanush', Integrated Missile development Programme, Arjuna Tanks, Brahmos missile etc are big leap towards Indigenization

Though we have come a long way since Independence in the field of defence manufacturing but there are certain challenges & constraints in Atma Nirbhar Bharat in defence Manufacturing.



Elaborate these point briefly for more clarity

Relevant info

Valid point

Valid point & good way to present

Way forward

Government has taken many steps for Indigenization but there is still a high amount of import dependence. For this to reduce we need to bring institutional capabilities in PSU's and incentivizing private players and increase their participation. Also there is a need to bring MSME in play in defence manufacturing. A different Management unit is a need for of the hour to look into defence procurements and ensure their timely procurement.

- You have good conceptual & contextual understanding of the topic.
- Structure & presentation of your answer is good.
- Elaborate your point briefly for more clarity.
- Keep waiting Good luck!