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Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of April 2021 (Unclassified)

- 1.1 In order to boost defence exports, webinars are being organized with Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) under the aegis of DDP, MoD through Industry Associations. In the first phase, webinars with 25 countries are being held. Total seventeen webinars have been organized till April 2021. Webinars with Chile and Vietnam have been organized in the month of end March 2021/April 2021. Also, a Webinar on the Defence Procurement Procedures of India and Brazil was organized to promote Indian Defence exports to Brazil.
- 1.2 Hon'ble Raksha Mantri has approved seeking of responses for finalization of Venue for the 12th edition of Defexpo-2022 from three States viz. Goa, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh. Accordingly, Chief Secretaries of the three states have been requested to share the details such as willingness and State support that would be offered and availability of requisite infrastructure for the mega International event. The responses are awaited from some states presumably due to the prevailing pandemic situation.
- 1.3 During the reporting month (April, 2021), the department has issued total 70 export authorisations as per table produced below: -
- | No. of Authorisations | No. of Countries to which Munitions list items exported | Total Value (INR) Crores |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|
| 70 | 20 | 172.68 |
- 1.4 The Hon'ble Prime Minister handed over 'SCG PS Zoroaster', a Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE), to Seychelles Coast Guard in the august presence of His Excellency Wavel Ramkalawan, President of the Republic of Seychelles on 8th April 2021. The handing over ceremony was conducted in virtual mode.
- 1.5 GRSE witnessed a phenomenal improvement in its ranking in the 'Fortune Next 500 - 2021' list of companies in India from 123rd position in 2020 to 40th position in 2021.
- 1.6 As part of 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav' celebration, a "Heavy Duty Machine for Super Alloys" was inaugurated at Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI) on 10th April 2021.
- 1.7 HAL inaugurated a 6 MW capacity solar power plant of at Koraput, Odisha on 9th April 2021. The solar power plant is established on a 30 acre land.
- 1.8 On 30th April 2021, BEML entered into ToT agreement with Defence Bioengineering and Electromedical Laboratory (DEBEL), DRDO for manufacture and supply of 960 Litres per Minute (LPM) Oxygen Plants to meet the immediate requirement of oxygen in the country due to second wave of COVID-19.
- 1.9 Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has received 12 Green Channel Certificates from DGQA, for a total of 41 products in the areas of Radars, Naval Systems, Communications, Electro-Optics, Mast, Batteries and Gun Upgrade. Ministry of Defence promulgated the Green Channel Policy for promoting ease of doing business as part of its 'Make in India' initiative. A mechanism has been set up to award Green Channel Status to firms with pre-defined financial and quality credentials for broad categories of items having continuous requirement in the Defence Forces. The Purchaser's confidence in the Firm's Quality Assurance is the central tenet in awarding of Green Channel Status.
- 1.10 During the month, Directorate of Standardization (DoS) facilitated registration of 26 organizations in NATO Master Catalogue for Reference for Logisticians (NMCRL) which can provide export opportunity to these organizations. The organizations facilitated were mostly research organizations & Consultants.
- 1.11 In view of dire shortage of Medical grade Oxygen for Covid patients in the country, two factories, viz. Ordnance Factory, Kanpur and Machine Tool Prototype Factory, Ambernath have fabricated Oxygen plants through in-house efforts for use in the factory hospitals.

Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of March 2021 (Unclassified)

1.1. The Defence Exhibition Organisation has mooted a proposal towards finalization of Venue and Schedule of the 12th edition of Defexpo-2022. Towards maximizing the inclusiveness of States in such large scale events, proposals from three States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Goa and Gujarat have been solicited. Based on the State support being offered and the focus/theme of the event, a suitable location will be finalized towards early announcement and blocking of dates in the International Aerospace and Defence (A&D) exhibition calendar.

The List of Foreign Exhibitions wherein an India Pavilion will be set-up during 2021 has been finalized and shared with Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) towards setting-up of a suitable Pavilion (coordinated by nodal DPSU) and showcasing our A&D products at the International forums. The shortlisted A&D exhibitions are as follows:-

S. No	Foreign Exhibition	Schedule	Nodal DPSU
(a)	MAKS, Russia	20-25 July 2021	HAL
(b)	IMDEX ASIA, Singapore	27-29 July 2021	BEL
(c)	Army-2021	22-28 August 2021	GSL
(d)	DSEI, UK	14-17 September 2021	BDL
(e)	BIDEC, Bahrain	25-27 October 2021	OFB
(f)	Dubai Airshow, UAE	14-18 November 2021	HAL

1.2. During the reporting month, the revised Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the export of military stores was approved by Hon'ble Raksha Mantri and same was placed on the website of DDP. The following amendments have been made in the SOP dated 3rd March 2021: -

(a) Legitimate export of Appendix-II items (Platforms/Systems/Sub-Systems) for Civil End use to Wassenaar Arrangement member countries is now considered by DDP, subject to submission of Government Signed End User Certificate or Import Certificate or equivalent document issued by the Government of Importing Country [para 6.3(i)].

(b) For cases filed under Part-C, consultation with stakeholders will be undertaken if the items of export are lethal in nature, consultation with M/o External Affairs alone would be carried out for export to negative list of countries [para 6.3(iii)].

(c) The validity of the "No Objection" received from stakeholders as part of the consultations shall be for a period of two years.

1.3. During the month, 8 Industrial License applications pertaining to DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry and Arms Section, Ministry of Home Affairs were recommended by DDP for grant of license to the concerned applicant companies by the respective Administrative Ministry. Further, the department has issued total 165 export authorisations as per table produced below: -

No. of Authorisations	No. of Countries to which Munitions list items exported	Total Value (INR) Crores
165	34	1642.63

1.4 Combined Commander Conference was conducted from 4th March to 6th March at Kevadia, Gujarat. Hon'ble Prime Minister, Hon'ble Raksha Mantri and Senior Officers from the Ministry of Defence were present in the conference. During the conference, Defence Innovation Organisation provided a platform to show the capabilities of startups in defence sector. Total 5 Startups got opportunities to showcase their capabilities of product in front of the Defence Officials.

1.5 HAL celebrated "India @ 75 Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav" to commemorate 75 years of India's independence, Divisions of HAL undertook activities on the broad theme 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat' from March

12th to 18th, 2021, focusing on skill development to develop a robust supply chain, training apprentices, indigenization and quality improvement in the entire supply chain. During the celebration, HAL conducted various activities such as Skill Development to Apprenticeship Trainees, interactions with vendors, identification of 75 items for Make-II, Slogan and Essay Competition, Session/Webinar on Quality Improvement in supply chain, Indigenization, and GeM Portal etc.

1.6 As a part of celebration of India@75 "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav", BDL conducted the following events during the period from 26th March 2021 to 1st April 2021.

(a) "Freedom March" wherein, War Veterans, serving officers from Armed Forces along with senior executives of BDL participated.

(b) A motivational talk by Shri Gampa Nageshwar Rao, an eminent motivational speaker was organized for students of ITI, Old City, Hyderabad to encourage them to improve their employability skills.

(c) Webinar on Indigenization for Vendors.

(d) A webinar with MSME vendors on conceptual understanding of Government Rules, Regulations, benefits to MSMEs.

(e) An awareness programs for Apprentices on industrial safety and hazardous processes

(f) A special drive for vendor registration for MSME, SC/ST Entrepreneurs

1.7 BEL carried out various activities as part of Commemoration of India's 75 Years of Independence during the week from 19th to 25th March 2021 across all 9 units. The activities were carried out with the theme objectives viz., Skill Development to Develop a Robust Supply Chain (Training Apprentices), Quality Improvement in the Entire Supply Chain and Indigenization. Major events/initiatives organized included

(a) Training to students of ITI (adopted by BEL) for competency enhancement in the areas like Fabrication, Soldering, Assembly, Testing etc.,

(b) Webinars involving vendors on "Quality" covering topics such as Zero Defect, Problem Solving Techniques, Six Sigma, Lean Manufacturing, QMS etc.

(c) Webinars with MSME Vendors on the topic "Vendor Development & Opportunities for MSMEs in BEL" and

(d) Meeting with Technology Partners/Collaborative Partners/Make-II Vendors & presentation on Indigenization.

1.8 A collaborative Webinar between top Shipyard & Industry majors of USA and India was conducted on 24th March 2021 under the aegis of USISPF (US India Strategic Partnership Forum). The event was coordinated by MDL on behalf of Indian Shipyards on the theme 'Collaboration in Ship Building'. The major US Industries like Huntington Ingalls, BAE systems, Lockheed Martin, Kornec Communications etc. and all DPSU shipyards, L&T, Chowgale, L3 Harris & PTC participated. The event opened up huge opportunities for Indian Shipyards to showcase our capabilities and impress upon US majors to favourably consider our yards for their applications.

1.9 During the month, Directorate of Standardization (DoS) facilitated registration of 44 organizations in NATO Master Catalogue for Reference for Logisticians (NMCRL) which can provide export opportunity to these organizations. The organizations facilitated were mostly Research organizations & Consultants.
