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Hon'ble Raksha Mantri launched the fifth edition of Defence India Startup Challenge (DISC 5) on 19th August 2021, as part of iDEX, under the aegis of Department of Defence Production (DDP). These challenges are competitive means of finding and shortlisting solutions derived from the iDEX stakeholders. The Challenges launched will act as a bridge between the requirements of the Armed Forces & Defence PSUs, and the solution providers, i.e. MSMEs, Startups, individual innovators, R&D institutes and academia.

Under DISC-5, 35 challenges from Armed forces & Defence PSUs were thrown open to prospective Startups, Innovators, MSMEs to participate and become critical force multipliers in India's defence ecosystem.

- 1.2 The first set of directors for the interim Board of Directors of the 7 DPSUs being formed post Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) corporatization have been appointed with the approval of Hon'ble Raksha Mantri on 4th August 2021. The seven DPSUs being formed post OFB corporatization have been incorporated and their Board of Directors are in position.
- 1.3 In order to boost defence exports, webinars are being organized with Friendly Foreign Countries (FFCs) under the aegis of the department through Industry Associations. A webinar with Malaysia was organized on 17th August, 2021.
- 1.4 During the reporting month, a total of 9 License applications were disposed off by the department. Further, 65 Export Authorizations were also issued as per table produced below: -

No. of Authorisations	No. of Countries to which Munitions list items exported	Total Value (INR) Crores
65	19	293.63

- 1.5 Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SFC-Energy-AG, Germany & FC Tec-India on 2nd August 2021 for business co-operation in the area of Sustainable Energy products/solutions, through Hydrogen & Fuel Cells. The MoU is aimed to offer Green Energy based products/solutions to strategic and other users.
- 1.6 On 28th July 2021, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE) has signed a contract with the Department of Fisheries, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh for design, construction and delivery of 6 Nos. Patrol Boats (Surveillance).
- 1.7 An online portal 'Supply Order Monitoring Portal' has been launched for tracking and monitoring of supply orders. Director General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) including Naval QA and DGAQA establishments have been configured in the Portal.
