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**Create a culture of quality manufacturing for India to become a net defence exporter: Raksha Mantri to Indian defence manufacturers at DRDO Quality Conclave**

**“Quality products prerequisite for competing in international market”**

**Need to produce high-quality, reliable & safe military systems for Armed Forces to deal with future challenges, says Shri Rajnath Singh**

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh has called upon the Indian defence manufacturers to create a culture of quality in defence production, terming it as a prerequisite to compete in the international market. Addressing the plenary session of DRDO Quality Conclave on the theme ‘*Quality Odyssey for Self Reliance in Defence Products*’ in New Delhi on November 29, 2023, he stated that only quality products create global demand, and it will help in realising Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s vision of making India a global manufacturing hub and a net defence exporter.

The Raksha Mantri pointed out that those countries, which manufacture quality products, export their equipment to countries across the globe. He added that due to the good quality, the prices of these platforms are quite high; but it should be kept in mind that importing countries are ready to pay even the highest prices for state-of-the-art products.

Stressing that top-quality products bring credibility to the domestic defence industry, Shri Rajnath Singh stated that manufacturing of such equipment within the country will generate increased global demand and bolster India’s reputation in the international market. He also underscored the importance of cost control while manufacturing quality defence products.

“Cost control should be given utmost importance; however it should not be at the expense of quality. We have to be globally cost competitive, but it has to be done by remaining in the top quality segment. We must move forward with this idea,” said Shri Rajnath Singh. He underscored the need to manufacture high-quality military systems which are effective, reliable & safe and can enable the Armed Forces to accomplish the missions successfully.

The Raksha Mantri also presented System for Advanced Manufacturing Assessment and Ranking (SAMAR) certificates to the representatives of qualified industries.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat reaffirmed DRDO’s commitment towards delivering quality systems. He requested all stakeholders to have firm resolve and synergise towards self-reliance in high quality indigenous military systems. Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh and Chairman, Quality Council of India Shri Jaxay Shah were also present.

The conclave was also attended by DRDO Director Generals, Directors, Quality heads of DRDO Laboratories, experts from industry and other stakeholders. It provided a common platform to key stakeholders in Defence domain for sharing their perspectives and deliberate for realising the dual goal of self-reliance and exports.

The Conclave was held over two sessions, viz. ‘Improving self- Reliance & Quality Culture in Defence Manufacturing’ and ‘Quality Assurance in Defence & Aerospace’. Experts from Industry, Government Quality Assurance Agencies and User Services gave their perspectives during the conclave sessions.

The conclave provided an opportunity for stakeholders to network with experts to create an ecosystem in the country for producing high quality indigenous systems, implementation of standards, policies and global best practices. The participants brainstormed on various aspects of quality for the defence manufacturing revolution in India for an ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’.

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