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RECRUITMENT OF WOMEN IN NDA

Recruitment of female candidates in National Defence Academy commenced from the year 2022 (NDA-148 course, July 2022 induction). Year-wise recruitment is as follows:

Entry	Date	Vacancies	Joined
NDA-148	July 2022	19	19
NDA- 149	January 2023	19	19
NDA-150	July 2023	19	19

There are 57 women cadets who were recruited in National Defence Academy. State/UT-wise details are as under:

S No	State/UT	No. of Candidates
i	Assam	1
ii	Bihar	1
iii	Chhattisgarh	1
iv	Delhi	3
v	Gujarat	1
vi	Haryana	19
vii	Himachal Pradesh	2
viii	Jammu and Kashmir	2
ix	Karnataka	1

x	Kerala	4 (1 resigned)
xi	Madhya Pradesh	1
xii	Maharashtra	3
xiii	Punjab	3
xiv	Rajasthan	3
xv	Uttar Pradesh	12
	Total	57

Same facilities are provided to women recruits at par with male recruits in NDA. Facilities provided to cadets are:

- Common training.
- Common academic curriculum.
- Clothing and Equipment:
 - Clothing as per gender.
 - Equipment, books and stationery.

This information was given by Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Ajay Bhatt in a written reply to Ms Debasree Chaudhuri in Lok Sabha today.

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SECOND CAREER TO EX-SERVICEMEN

Directorate General Resettlement (DGR) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IBM to engage ex-servicemen with the objective of providing them a second career and to facilitate their seamless integration into the civilian workforce. The MoU was signed on 27th June 2023. Details of the MoU are as under:

- It is a non-binding MoU wherein IBM is desirous of engaging with ex-servicemen from military background with an intent to hire such individuals, if found suitable, for multiple opportunities that have arisen and may continue to arise at IBM and/or its affiliates. DGR and IBM intend to collaborate on their mutual goal of helping ex-servicemen from military background pursue their corporate careers.
- The MoU is valid from the date of signing the MoU, however, the same may be terminated by either Party vide a written notice to that effect of not less than 30 (Thirty) days.

Modalities will be jointly worked out between DGR and IBM. DGR connects with companies and industry bodies to seek employment for Ex-servicemen as per their skill sets.

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VALUE OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION

The value of defence production has crossed the figure of Rs one lakh crore for the first time ever during financial year 2022-23. Government has taken several policy initiatives in the past few years and brought in reforms to encourage indigenous design, development and manufacture of defence equipment by Indian Industry including MSMEs and start-ups, thereby promoting ease of doing business in defence manufacturing & technology in the country. Government promotes participation of MSMEs/start-ups for development of defence technology under various schemes like Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX), Technology Development Fund (TDF), Make procedure under Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020. The DAP 2020 provides special provisions to encourage MSMEs and Start-ups. Moreover, Public Procurement Policy for MSEs Order, 2012 has been implemented at DPSUs under which the price preference is given to MSME bidders under certain conditions. Further, DPSUs and services have uploaded more than 30,000 defence items on ‘Srijan portal for indigenisation’ and offered them to Industry including MSMEs to become partners in indigenisation process.

Further, Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) was launched in April, 2018 to foster innovation and technology development in Defence and Aerospace by engaging Industries including MSMEs/start-ups. iDEX provides grants/funding and other support to carry out R&D activities for futuristic technologies. The industries including the MSMEs and start-ups have given an enthusiastic response to iDEX for defence innovation works including design, development and manufacturing of Defence equipment. iDEX has given boost to defence industrial manufacturing ecosystem by promoting formation of Start-ups by individual innovators, and supporting sustenance to existing Start-

ups/MSMEs. This has also led to the generation of employment opportunities.

Moreover, to bring MSMEs into the defence supply chain and thereby boost the self-reliance in defence sector in the country and also to contribute towards defence exports, Ministry of Defence has made a scheme of promotion of MSMEs in defence. Under this scheme, workshops/seminars are organised in collaboration with Industry Associations and other stakeholders from different parts of the country.

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