

MoD releases draft Defence Production and Export Promotion Policy 2020; aimed at \$5 bn export by 2025

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Ministry of Defence (MoD) publicized a draft 'Defence Production & Export Promotion Policy (DPEPP) 2020 for public feedback by August 17, 2020 after which the policy would be promulgated by the MoD. The policy aims to achieve a manufacturing turnover of \$25 bn or Rs 1,75,000 crore, including exports of \$5 bn or Rs 35,000 Crore in aerospace and defence goods and services by 2025.

- The **Department of Defence Production (DDP)** will be the nodal department for coordination on various components of the DPEPP 2020 and to achieve the objectives set in this Policy.
- It is to be noted that currently the size of the Defence Industry, including Aerospace and Naval Shipbuilding Industry, is estimated to be about Rs 80,000 Cr (2019-20). In this the contribution of Public Sector is estimated to be Rs 63,000 crores, while the share of Private Sector is Rs 17,000 crores.

Focus areas of DPEPP 2020:

To develop a dynamic, robust and competitive Defence industry, including Aerospace and Naval Shipbuilding industry to cater to the needs of Armed forces with quality products.

-To reduce dependence on **imports** through domestic design and development on the lines of "Make in India" initiatives.

- 5,000 items are proposed to be indigenized by 2025.

-To promote **export** of defence products and become part of the global defence value chains.

- In this regard, the Defence Attaches have been mandated and are supported to promote export of indigenous defence equipment abroad.

-To create an environment that encourages R&D, rewards innovation, creates Indian IP (intellectual property) ownership and promotes self-reliant defence industry.

– To set up a **Project Management Unit** (PMU) with representation from the Services for estimation of development and production.

-To create **Technology Assessment Cell** (TAC) with the aim to move away from licensed production to design, develop and produce indigenously for the systems projected in Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP) of the Services.

–**Innovations for Defence Excellence** (iDEX), that has been operationalized to provide incubation and infrastructure support to the startups in the defence area, would be further scaled up to engage 300 more startups and develop 60 new technologies/ products during the next **5** years.

–**Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti** which was launched to promote innovation and technology development and file greater number of patents in Defence PSUs (public sector undertakings) and OFB (ordnance factory board) would be scaled up further to promote creation of IP Property in defence sector.

– Currently, FDI policy for Defence sector, FDI was allowed under automatic route up to 49% and above 49% through government route. Efforts would be made to attract FDI through **Invest India** and **Defence Investor cell**.

Four more States/UTs linked with One Nation One Ration Card scheme; taking total to 24



3 states of Manipur, Nagaland and Uttarakhand, and one Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) have joined the One Nation, One Ration Card (**ONORC**) platform, increasing the total number of states/UTs under this scheme to 24. This information has been provided by Union Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan

while reviewing the progress of ONORC plan.

- The addition of above 4 states/UTs has ensured food security to 65 Crore (80%) of total **National Food Security Act (NFSA)**,

2013 population for receiving food grains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) in 24 States/UT, under the scheme.

- When all the states are integrated under ONORC scheme, 81 crore NFSA beneficiaries can avail benefit.
- The scheme will be operational all over India by **31st March 2021**.

About one nation, one ration card:

The scheme announced in June 2019 allows portability of food security benefits across the country from 1st June 2020. This means poor migrant workers or the beneficiaries who are taking food grains under the Public Distribution System (PDS) will be able to buy subsidized rice and wheat from any FPS in the country.

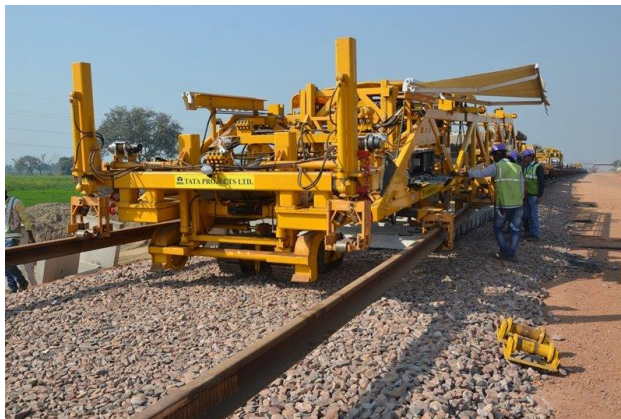
- Simply, it is inter-state portability of ration cards by using their same/existing ration card with biometric/Aadhaar based authentication on an electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) device installed at the FPSs.

24 States/UTs included in scheme:

States– Andhra Pradesh (AP), Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh (HP), Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh (MP), Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Uttarakhand.

UTs– Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)

For the 1st time in India Railways uses NTC machine for track construction



In a boost to the railways' efforts to use technology to ease infrastructure work, for the first time in India, Railway is using New Track Construction (NTC) machine for the entire track laying of the Dedicated Freight Corridors. The projects will be implemented by **Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of**

India Limited (DFCCIL).

- Currently, there are **seven** NTC machines that have been deployed along the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) alignment. Four NTC machines are deployed in the Eastern DFC viz. Allahabad – New

Bhaupur, Allahabad – Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya junction, Bhaupur – Bhadan, Khurja Dadri sections and in Western DFC, three NTC machines are deployed at Palanpur-Makarpura, Gothangam-Baroda and Anchali-Sachin sections respectively.

- Notably, The Khurja-Dadri section is the connecting link between the Eastern and Western DFCs on which freight trains run at a speed of 100 kmph ensuring fast logistics movement. The project is expected to be completed by **2022**.

Key Features of NTC Machine:

- The NTC machine has the capability to lay **1.5 km** of track per day as compared to 150-200 metres of track.
- The machine helps in bringing efficiency in track construction with integrated logistic arrangements for mechanised handling, movement and laying of heavy track components.

Sunil ydv SS received the Karmaveer Chakra of United Nations and iCONGO at ReX ConcLIVE



The **Karmaveer Chakra Award** instituted by the United Nations(UN) and International Confederation of NGO (iCONGO) was awarded to 23 years old **Sunil Ydv SS**, the founder and CEO of SS motivation channel on Telegram for his contribution to the society through “**SS Motivation**”, a Telegram Channel at the

ReX ConcLIVE hosted at Indian Institute of Technology- Delhi(IIT-D).

Book:

He authored the book “The Secrets Behind Success”, which emphasized the success mantra of a 23-year-old boy from a small Indian town.

Karmaveer Chakra Award:

- i.Karmaveer Chakra is presented as a tribute to Dr.APJ Abdul Kalam, the 11 th President of India and recognises nobel laureates.
- ii.Karmaveer Chakra award is a global civilian honour presented to recognise the contribution of individuals who showcase their restless courage, initiating change and exploring the less travelled life paths.

RBI Approved Sashidhar Jagdishan as Next MD & CEO of HDFC Bank; will Succeed Aditya Puri



The Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has approved **Sashidhar Jagdishan** as the next Managing Director(MD) and Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of HDFC Bank for a period of 3 years, effective from the date of taking charge i.e., October 27,

2020 under Section 35B of the Banking Regulation Act 1949.

- He will succeed **Aditya Puri**, the bank's longest serving CEO(26 years- since September 1994).
- Aditya Puri will retire on October 26, 2020, on attaining the age of 70.