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Endorsing Make-in-India, Dr. Subhash Bhamre MoS for Defence Flags off range of Indigenously designed and built Defence Systems at L&T's Talegaon Complex

Talegaon, Pune, Sep 20, 2018: Dr. Subhash Bhamre, Union Minister of State, Ministry of Defence, recently flagged off five different Defence systems at Larsen & Toubro's Strategic Systems Complex (SSC) on the outskirts of Pune. L&T is at the forefront of indigenous development and manufacturing of Defence systems, platforms, and equipment towards commitment to the government of India's 'Make in India' initiative.



The systems and equipment flagged off during Dr. Bhamre's visit are, PINAKA Multi-Rocket Launcher System (MRLS) - state of the art, all-weather, long-range area dominance artillery system; Pinaka Battery Command Post - a sheltered Fire Control Systems for PINAKA MRLS; indigenously upgraded Grad BM-21 Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher - an all-weather, indirect-fire, field artillery equipment; Short Span Bridging System (Load Class 70) - an Engineering System; P7 Heavy Drop Platform System - for para-dropping equipment and logistic support, in remote areas and bases from IL-76 aircrafts.

Speaking on the occasion, **Dr. Subhash Bhamre, Minister of State for Defence**, said: "I am extremely happy to see Prime Minister's Vision of Make in India is getting realised here. The main theme of Make in India is indigenisation and I am even more happy that the Platforms, Weapon & Engineering Systems being built in this Complex has an indigenous content of 70% - 98%, which is a phenomenal achievement."

Hon. Minister affirmed keen support of the government to harness capabilities and capacities of Public as well as Private Sector towards realising the 'Make in India' goals. The indigenous content in the Systems flagged off by the Hon. Minister is above 90%.

Mr. SN Subrahmanyam, MD & CEO of Larsen & Toubro said: “Larsen & Toubro is at the forefront of serving the Nation as a matter of our ethos. We have developed and manufactured a range of best-in-class Platforms, Systems, and Equipment for the Armed Forces, with a strong customer focused approach and a continuous quest for world-class quality and on or ahead of time performance. We partake strategically crafted solutions across the spectrum - from surveillance to strike capabilities, platforms to systems and equipment, and new build to through life support.”

Mr. Jayant Patil, Whole-time Director (Defence) and Member of L&T Board, added: “Our long-term commitment to the Defence sector is visible from large investments in creating nine state of the art manufacturing facilities across the country. We have developed more than 250 products & Systems till date, a third of these by partnering DRDO laboratories, of which more than 75 products/systems have been serially produced across our manufacturing facilities. We are privileged to have Dr. Subhash Bhamre, the Hon’ble Minister of State (Defence) flag off five systems at our Strategic Systems Complex, Talegaon, which is one of the finest facilities of L&T for the realisation of prototypes as well as for series production of Land and Naval Weapon Systems, Sensors, and Military Engineering Systems. The Pinaka systems, Heavy Drop Platforms, and Bridging Systems were developed & realised by L&T over its long association with DRDO spanning nearly three decades.”

L&T’s journey in the Defence Sector started in the mid-1980s, as it partnered the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) for the Integrated Guided Missile Development Program for realising complex weapon launch systems, and with Indian Navy in its quest towards indigenisation by developing range of equipment and systems for warships and submarine programs. With its DSIR recognized multiple research & development facilities, the company, provides indigenous solutions such as Submarines, Warships & Armoured Systems, Naval and Land-based Missile Launch Systems, Fire Control Systems, Land & Naval Engineering Systems, Artillery & Air Defence Systems, Missile sub-systems, Radar Systems & Sensors, Secure Military Communication, Avionics & Aviation Systems, Unmanned Systems across Land, Naval & Air domains, and Electrical, Electronic & Automation systems for the Defence sector.

Background:

Larsen & Toubro is an Indian multinational engaged in technology, engineering, construction, manufacturing and financial services with over USD 18 billion in revenue. It operates in over 30 countries worldwide. A strong, customer-focused approach and the constant quest for top-class quality have enabled L&T to attain and sustain leadership in its major lines of business for eight decades.