

Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP)

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In news— Recently, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has given in-principle approval to four projects under Make-I (Government Funded) & five under Make-II (industry-funded) categories of Defence Acquisition Procedure 2020.

Key updates-

- With this approval, the industry will be provided financial support for prototype development of these projects.
- **The list four of projects which were accorded 'Approval In-Principle (AIP)' by Collegiate Committee of MoD are as follows:**
 1. Indian Air Force: Communication Equipment with Indian Security Protocols (Routers, Switches, Encryptors, VoIP Phones and their software).
 2. Indian Air Force: Airborne Electro Optical pod with Ground Based System.
 3. Indian Air Force: Airborne Stand-off Jammer.
 4. Indian Army: Indian Light Tank.
- This is for the first time since the launch of industry-friendly DAP-2020 that Indian Industry has been involved in development of big ticket platforms such as Light tank and Communication Equipment with Indian security protocols.
- In addition, AIP has also been accorded to **following five projects under industry-funded Make-II procedure:**
 1. Indian Air Force: Full Motion Simulator for Apache Helicopter.
 2. Indian Air Force: Full Motion Simulator for Chinook

Helicopter.

3. Indian Air Force: Wearable Robotic Equipment for Aircraft Maintenance.
4. Indian Army: Integrated Surveillance and Targeting System for Mechanized Forces.
5. Indian Army: Autonomous Combat Vehicle.

- **Projects under 'Make-II' category involve prototype development of equipment/system/platform** or their upgrades or their sub-systems/sub-assembly/assemblies/components, primarily for import substitution/innovative solutions, for which no Government funding will be provided for prototype development purposes.
- The indigenous development of these projects in the country will help harness the design capabilities of the Indian defence Industry and position India as a design leader in these technologies.

About Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP 2020)-

- DAP 2020 which supersedes the Defence Procurement Procedure 2016 (DPP 2016), is a sincere effort by the Ministry of Defence to improve the capital procurement procedure.
- The first Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) was promulgated in the year 2002.
- The aim of the DAP is to ensure timely procurement of military equipment, systems and platforms as required by the Armed Forces in terms of performance, capabilities and quality standards, through optimum utilisation of allocated budgetary resources.
- DAP 2020 has been aligned with the vision of the Government of Atmanirbhar Bharat and empowering Indian domestic industry through Make in India initiative with the ultimate aim of turning India into a global manufacturing hub.
- With the new Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) policy

announced, DAP 2020 has adequately included provisions to encourage FDI to establish manufacturing hubs both for import substitution and exports while protecting interests of Indian domestic industry.

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