

Defence testing infrastructure scheme

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In news- Ministry of Defence (MoD) has launched Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme (DTIS) with an **outlay of Rs 400 crore** for creating state-of-the-art testing infrastructure in partnership with the private industry.

About the scheme-

- The scheme was launched by Defence minister Rajnath Singh on **May 08, 2020**.
- The scheme would run for the **duration of five years** and envisages setting up of **6-8 Greenfield Defence Testing Infrastructure (DTI) facilities** that are required for defence and aerospace related production.
- The scheme is launched to achieve the following **objectives:**
 - To encourage ethnic defence production with a special focus on the involvement of MSMEs and budding entrepreneurs by concreting the differences in the Nation's defence testing infrastructure.
 - To provide easy access and thus meet the testing needs of the domestic defence.
 - The projects under the scheme will be provided with up to **75 per cent Government funding** in the **form of 'Grant-in-Aid'**.
 - The remaining 25 per cent of the project cost will have to be borne by the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) constituents of which will be the Indian private entities and state governments.
 - The SPV shall be responsible for obtaining statutory clearances required for testing of weapons and ammunition.

- Only private entities registered in India and State Government agencies will qualify for forming the implementation agency for the Scheme.
- The financial assistance is disbursed depending upon the authorisation of the Implementation Agency.
- The **DTI Screening Committee (DTISC)** headed by the Chairman is responsible for approval of the projects and is the final authority to make a decision on the proposals submitted by the Implementation.

Type	Budget	No. of industry permitted
Small	Up to 20 Crores	03
Medium	Between 20 and 50 Crores	03
Large	More than 50 Crores	02