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The power of a King lies in his mighty arms...

Security of the citizens at peace time is very important because State is the only saviour of the men and women who get affected only because of the negligence of the State.

- Chanakya

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When India gained independence, there was hardly any big shot industry present, gradually a number of huge industries were established in various sectors of the economy, but unfortunately there was no defence industry as we were under the rule of Britishers. They had not introduced and did not establish any on purpose, therefore it was a challenge for the first government post-independence to visualise and establish a proper defence industry in the country.

But as India grew, in multi dimensions in concern to industrial development, the defence industry developed as well and thus the various milestones were established, and today the defence industry in India has taken a high leap with the support of the Defence establishments such as DRDO, ISRO, BARC and BRO and some Public Undertakings were also established in due course of

time after the independence, like Hindustan aeronautics limited (HAL), Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL), Beml Limited (BEML), and Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (Midhani) to name a few, which actually played a vital role in establishing the current status of the defence industry in India which is seen as the game changer in the defence sector.

With the beginning of establishing these organisations in India, the process of defence production was initiated. It is not only the preparedness of India's National Security, but also a great contribution in the self-reliance on the defence productions.

No one even thought that a time will come when our defence forces will be equipped with all the latest arms, ammunition and technologies. But gradually, the scenario changed and after the Kargil War with Pakistan in the year 1999, the then

government decided to revamp our defence apparatus and thus new defence policy was introduced with a new vision and dimensions.

But unfortunately the then ruling party lost the elections and the whole process of revamping got a backseat and nothing much could be done for the next ten years, which I think was a dark era for our National Security as nothing of significance was done for strengthening the defence apparatus and the National Security.

But the golden era emerged in 2014 with the new government, which took the National Security as the Top Priority of the Government and thus in the first phase of a new program was introduced as the Make-in-India in Defence. This actually motivated various industrial houses to take the initiative to enter into defence production with few OEMs, which were followed up with innumerable startups who also joined hands under Make-in-India program.

Simultaneously, government of India revised the DPP which also supported the defence apparatus, as well as the defence industry. The current government has made a significant decision to ban the import of more than 200 defence products and technologies that were previously imported. With this decision the indigenous defence industry got a facelift and more and more industrial houses showed keen interest in entering the defence production market.

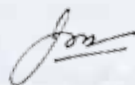
The best thing that happened under the leadership of the current government is that now the defence production was not meant only for India's requirements, but they were also produced as per the requirements of the offshore buyers.

Certain technologies, arms and ammunitions have also been exported to other countries which include Tejas, Brahmos Missiles, Assault Rifles, Chetak Helicopters and many more. I'm sure that the day is not far that the Indian defence industry will be one of the biggest exporters, which at a time was one of the biggest importers. India's defence exports surged from INR 2,000 crore (USD 250 million) in 2014-15, to INR 16,000 crore (USD 2 billion) in 2023-24, reflecting significant growth. Over a 100 export licenses are now issued annually, highlighting the expanding global presence of India's defence industry.

Aiming high on the global market is the ultimate goal of the defence industry and the government is whole heartedly supporting the same with financial support and policies to establish new industries in various sectors.

This edition is focused on the core issue of this recent development and we at DSA are supporting this endeavour of the Indian defence industry.

Happy reading!



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