

Government of India  
Ministry of Defence  
Department of Defence Production

Monthly Summary for the Month of November, 2018

HAL's wholly owned subsidiary Naini Aerospace Limited (NAeL), Prayagraj (UP), delivered the first batch of helicopter structures and sub-assemblies to boost the ALH Production on 23rd Nov 2018. This sick unit has established manufacturing facilities for aircraft looms and helicopter sub assembly within 23 months of taking over by HAL.

2. All DPSUs have registered on Trade Receivables Discounting system (TReDS), a platform established by D/o Financial Services to facilitate financing of invoices / bills of MSMEs drawn on Government Departments and PSUs, by way of discounting by financiers. DPSUs have given a wide publicity among MSMEs for usage of TReDS portal. Additionally, DPSUs have started uploading the information online on weekly basis on DPE portal, which is being constantly reviewed by Cabinet Secretariat.

3. The Department has started an initiative to retrain OFB employees otherwise found surplus due to opening up defence items for private industry. OFB has started retraining of its employees in areas relating to core activities and new technologies. As first step, 76 Industrial employees of of Ordnance Clothing Factory(OCF), Avadi have been identified for re-training. These employees will be accompanied at Heavy Vehicles Factory (HF), Avadi. OFB has also been advised to develop a full scale retraining programme for OFB employees.

4. HAL Management Academy (HMA) has launched AICTE approved 15 months full time Post Graduation Diploma in Aviation Management (PGDAM) at its campus in Bangalore on 15.11.2018. The curriculum of the course will focus on Aircraft Manufacturing Processes and Systems Integration, Strategy and Corporate Governance, Aircraft Qualification and Certification, Technology and Lifecycle Management, Principles and Practices of Management, Aviation Business and Contracts, Aviation Finance and Economics etc.

5. A list of 02 additional items along with its percentage of local content has been notified by DDP under Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India) Order, 2017 on 16.11.2018. This is in addition to the 109 items notified till 27.08.2018 bringing the total number of items under Public Procurement Order 2017 to 111.

6. An accident occurred at Sonegaon Demolition Ground of Central Ammunition Depot (CAD), Pulgaon, Maharashtra on 20.11.2018 during demolition of unserviceable ammunition of Ordnance Factory Khamaria (OFK) which was being carried out by OFK staff and contract workers under the supervision of CAD, Pulgaon. As per Preliminary Investigation Report of the accident, the accident took place during the process of taking the unserviceable ammunition packed in boxes from the vehicle to the demolition pit when a contract worker carrying such a box lost his balance and fell down near the pit. As a result, the box also fell down on the ground and exploded. In the accident, one OFK worker and five contract workers died and 19 contract workers were injured.

7. To provide a focused thrust on promoting a culture of innovation and intellectual property rights in Indian Defence Industry, a new mission mode programme titled “Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti” was formally launched by Hon’ble Raksha Mantri, on 27 Nov 2018 at an impressive function organized by Department of Defence Production at Kothari Auditorium, New Delhi. The end objective of Mission Raksha Gyan Shakti is to inculcate IP culture in Indian Defence manufacturing ecosystem.

8. To ensure that Department of Defence Production remains a single point of contact for exporter for export of parts and components of Small Arms & Ammunitions and to remove any confusion from the minds of the industry, MHA was requested to delegate its powers under the Arms Rules 2016 to this Department for issue of licence under these rules. MHA vide Notification dated 1.11.2018 has delegated its powers to this Department to issue export license under Arms Rules 2016 in Form X-A, for firearms and their parts & components. The issue of export licence for these parts and components is subject to holding of valid manufacturing licence by the exporting firm.

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