Delegation of Financial Powers

(1) Financial powers have been delegated for procurement of critical Ammunition/Spare/Equipment to Service HQs to be exercised by Vice Chief of the Services in consultation with their respective IFA/PIFA, vide MoD Order No. 11626/JS(Army)/16 dated 30th December, 2016.

Further, the upper ceiling, in accordance with Para 3.2 of the DFPDS 2016, regarding restriction of Rs. 150 crore prescribed at Para 2(b) of MoD letter No. 79/VIP/D(N-IV)/Part-I dated 20th September, 2017 for procurement 28 types consisting of missiles & Torpedoes under 10(i) through CBRP route has been waived off vide sanction letter dated 21st May, 2018.

Delegation of Financial Powers to Defence Services (DFPDS), 2016 – Clarification regarding Single Tender Enquiry (STE) and Proprietary Article Certificate (PAC) cases

(2) It has been decided vide sanction letter dated 28th May, 2018 that CFAs exercising Full Powers as per DFPDS 2016 will also exercise Full Powers for STE Cases (without a cap) in consultation with IFA.

Meeting held on 4th May, 2018 by Raksha Mantri with MPs and elected Vice Presidents of 62 Cantonment Boards on cantonment issues

(3) Raksha Mantri held a meeting on 4th May, 2018 with Members of Parliament (MPs) and elected Vice Presidents of all 62 Cantonments to discuss issues relating to Cantonments. Some of the issues brought out by the MPs and Vice Presidents of Cantonments related to closure of roads in Cantonments without following due procedure, financial resources for Cantonment Boards, greater accountability of Cantonment Board personnel, together with issue relating to mutation, transfer and sale of properties in Cantonment.

(4) Based on the discussions, Raksha Mantri has reviewed the issues raised in the meeting. On the issue of closure of roads, the Raksha Mantri after several rounds of
review meetings with officers of the Ministry and Army HQrs directed opening of all closed roads. Further, orders regarding procedure to be followed for closure of roads have also been issued on 28th May, 2018 which stipulates the necessity to follow the procedure as laid down in Section 258 of the Cantonment Act, 2006. Action is also being taken to address all other issues raised by MPs and other elected representatives in the meeting held on 4th May, 2018.

**International Cooperation**

(5) A delegation led by Defence Secretary visited Rome, Italy to attend the 9th India-Italy Joint Defence Committee meeting from 14th – 15th May, 2018.


(8) **Swachh Bharat:** As per results declared by the M/o Housing and Urban Development under the “Swachhta Survakshan” in May, 2018 the first three positions have been secured by Cantonment Boards, Central Command Zone.

Further, with an aim to achieve cleanliness & hygiene in military stations, dedicated funds have been allocated for creation of sewage treatment plants, septic tanks, sewage lines and drainage systems. One such project is being executed in full swing at New Cantonment, Allahabad and the other one is under planning at Dehradun.

**ARMY**

(9) A contract for procurement of 3,92,300 Fuzes and 540 Fuze Hand Setters at a cost of Rs. 374.76 crore with M/s BEL, Pune was signed on 25th May, 2018.

**Navy & Coast Guard**
(10) Contract for setting up of D Level and Extended D Level Repair Facility for Navigational Complex, Periscopes and Radar of Scorpene (P-75) for the Indian Navy has been signed on 18th May, 2018 at a total cost of Rs. 367.20 crore.

(11) Contract for setting up of Weapon Repair Facility at Naval Ship Repair Yard (Port Blair) was signed with M/s BEL, Bangalore on 18th May, 2018 at a total cost of Rs. 530 crore.

(12) Contract for upgradation of 08 Shikari/Lynx Systems was signed with M/s BEL, Bangalore on 18th May, 2018 at a total cost of Rs. 496 crore.

(13) Indent for Procurement of 20 AK 630 Gun Mounts (Ten Shipsets) for P17A and Talwar Class Ships along with onboard spares and four sets of Base and Depot (B&D) spares was signed with Ordinance Factory Board/GSF Cossipore on 15th May, 2018 at a total cost of Rs. 205 crore.

(14) ICGS Ameya repatriated 05 released Sri Lankan fishermen from Karaikal on 15th May, 2018. The fishermen were handed over to Sri Lankan Coast Guard Ship SLCG-402.

(15) Interceptor Boats C-439 and C-440 have been inducted on 2nd May, 2018.

**Raksha Mantri visited Nagaland**

(16) Raksha Mantri visited Spear Corps Zone, Nagaland on 30th May, 2018. She undertook a visit of forward posts of the Assam Rifles along the Indo-Myanmar Border and was accompanied by General Officer Commanding Spear Corps Lt. Gen Gopal R. At the forward posts, Raksha Mantri witnessed first-hand the prevalent conditions and ongoing operations of units deployed for border guarding operations in the area.

**Raksha Rajya Mantri visit Nauru**

(17) Raksha Rajya Mantri paid a three day official visit to Republic of Nauru from 16th May, 2018. He attended the 50th anniversary celebrations of its Constitution Day on 17th May, 2018 as the Chief Guest. Nauru will be hosting the 49th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting in September 2018 and Raksha Rajya Mantri conveyed that
India will be offering 22 Mahindra SUVs and two Tata buses worth $706,000 to Nauru as per their request for this meeting.

**Naval Commanders’ Conference**

(18) Raksha Mantri inaugurated the first edition of the bi-annual Naval Commanders’ Conference on 8\textsuperscript{th} May, 2018. Addressing Senior Leadership of the Navy, the Raksha Mantri commended the men and women of Indian Navy for their professionalism and dedication in performing the duties of safeguarding the maritime interest of the nation. During the conference, Navy reviewed its new Mission-Based Deployments philosophy aimed at ensuring peace and stability in the region.

**Defence Acquisition Council approved for the procurement of equipment**

(19) The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Raksha Mantri, met in New Delhi on 28\textsuperscript{th} May, 2018 and accorded approval for the procurement of equipment for the Defence Forces valued at over Rs. 6900 crore.

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