International Cooperation

(1) A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of India and the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Cooperation in the field of Military Education was signed on 1st October, 2018 during the visit of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan to India.

(2) A delegation led by Raksha Mantri visited Kazakhstan on 3rd – 4th October, 2018 for holding bilateral meetings with the Defence Minister of Kazakhstan. As part of the visit, Raksha Mantri alongwith the Kazakh Defence Minister jointly reviewed the Flag-Off ceremony on 3rd October, 2018 in Astana for the Kazakh Peacekeeping Company deploying under INDBATT at UNFIL from 19th October, 2018.

(3) A delegation led by Minister of State for Defence Affairs (MSDA), UAE visited India on 15th – 18th October, 2018 and held bilateral meeting with Raksha Mantri on 16th October, 2018.

(4) A delegation led by Defence Secretary visited Australia to attend India-Australia Foreign and Defence Secretary 2+2 Dialogue held at Australia on 10th – 11th October, 2018.


(6) A delegation led by Raksha Mantri visited Singapore to attend the 5th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) on 19th – 21st October, 2018 and Indonesia for bilateral meeting with Defence Minister of Indonesia on 22nd – 23rd October, 2018. At the sidelines of ADMM-Plus meeting, Raksha Mantri had bilateral Talks with Defence Ministers of Singapore, USA, Malaysia, Philippines, Australia and Vietnam.
Delegation of Financial Powers to AHQ – Enhancement of Powers of VCoAS in
Army Schedule of Powers ASP 2016

7. The financial powers delegated to VCoAS have been enhanced in respect of various sub-schedules of Army Schedule of Powers (ASP) – 2016. In case of some sub-schedules where VCoAS was not the CFA, VCoAS has been included as higher CFA with enhanced powers. Similar orders for Navy Schedule of Powers (NSP)-2016 and Air Force Schedule of Powers (AFSP)-2016 will be issued separately.

Acquisition

(8) Army: Contracts for procurement of upgrading of 300 guns from 130 mm (M-46) Guns to 155mm/45 Calibre Guns at a cost of Rs. 230.10 crore with M/s Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) was signed on 25th October, 2018. Further, a contract for procurement of 66 Air Defence Fire Control Radars (ADFCR) with Maintenance Transfer of Technology at a cost of Rs. 4576.75 crore with M/s Israel Aerospace Industries Limited, Israel was signed on 29th October, 2018

(9) Air Force: On the basis of CCS meeting held on 26th September, 2018 and its decision conveyed vide Cabinet Secretariat letter dated 28th October, 2018 a contract relating to procurement of 05 firing units of S-400 LRSAM and its associated equipment was signed on 5th October, 2018.

(10) Navy: A contract for acquisition of two additional P1135.6 for the Indian Navy has been signed with M/s ROE, Russia on 23rd October, 2018 at a total cost of Rs. 6679.20 crore + 1500 crore for BFE and a contract for procurement of 04 Survey Vessels (Large) (SLV) was signed with M/s Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE), Kolkata on 30th October, 2018 at a total cost of Rs. 2435.15 crore.

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Raksha Mantri on 27th October, 2018 accorded approval for the Mid Life Upgrade of 17 Dornier Aircraft of Indian Coast Guard (ICG) at an approximate cost of Rs. 950 crore.
Induction of Intercept Boat (IB) C-443

(11) IB C-443 built by M/s L&T has been inducted on 11th October, 2018 and earmarked for Mozambique.

Swachh Bharat

(12) In MoD (Sectt.) a workshop on the theme of 'Sanitation is Everyone's Business' was organized on 1st October, 2018 wherein nukkad natak, quiz rounds and various other activities regarding Swachhta were carried out by the representatives of 'Sulabh School Sanitation Club'.

Apart from the above, a Coastal Cleanup drive was conducted by Indian Coast Guard wherein Coast Guard Staff were involved in community Shramdaan to make our beaches and coasts neat & clean.

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