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WE DON'T NEED MONEY, WE NEED SYSTEMS IN PLACE: DEFENCE MINISTER

By **R. CHANDRAKANTH**

The Minister of Defence Manohar Parrikar today emphatically stated that money (budgetary allocation) is not an issue, the issue is of putting proper systems in place and that his government was doing all that it could do to have them in place.

Speaking at the Global Investors' Summit 'Make in India for Defence Sector', jointly organised by the Investment & Technology Promotion Division of Ministry of External Affairs and ASSOCHAM, the Minister said: "We have a syndrome of plenty. I do not need more money and there is a wrong perception prevailing that we do not have funds for acquisition. I need to get the systems in place. In fact, we are giving back the money that is being allocated."

Explaining the situation, he said that 85 per cent of the money released was for equipment that were contracted about five years back. This 'committed liability' is what is getting paid now. The orders placed last year or this year, the Ministry paid about 15 per cent of the orders. "You have to realise when the money is required."

It is in this background that the government was working on creating an ecosystem. "We have tried many modifications to production and procurement. We have attempted a good draft in the Defence Procurement Policy 2016 and we welcome suggestions and recommendations from the industry. We will filter out undesirable inputs and we give it next two to three months for it to have an impact. The policy will be reviewed after six months."

Parrikar stated that when he took over as the Defence Minister, he was surprised to notice that AONs (acceptance of necessity) was to the tune of ₹5,09,000 crore and at least eight of the projects were pending for the past 10 years. "There were at least 77 AONs which were five years old." The government is working on AONs and it will weed out all technologies which are out of date.



DPSUs/OFB NECESSARY

Defending the continued existence of some projects under defence public sector undertakings (DPSUs), the Minister said: "We are maintaining a huge armed forces, not with the expectation of war. War is the last option. We require ₹3,41,000 crore for maintenance of armed forces. Eventuality requires us to do it. Similarly, we need to create capabilities which may not be required continuously. It cannot be built by the private sector be-

cause of costs and the short lived nature of the projects." He referred to how a particular tank project could be continued only with the help of a DPSU. "Private sector would have closed the project and moved on." The Minister said that retaining the DPSUs and the OFBs is a necessity of the defence forces.

The government, he said, can sustain capacities for future requirement while there is certainly need for the private sector. The private sector, particularly the smaller companies, do not go for L1 requirement. "It is not that the private sector is flexible, the big ones do go through tendering. It is only the MSMEs which are adaptable."

STRESSED DIABETES

Defence procurement process, he said, is cumbersome and it gave 'stressed diabetes' to those in this business. Agreeing that the procedures followed were too difficult, he said, the bureaucracy had issues of taking decisions. The need to say 'the buck stops here' in the bureaucracy is essential and probably this was lacking during the earlier regime, he said and mentioned how he cleared files after going through them and took responsibility of the same.

The Summit had addresses by Major General Bishamber Dayal (Retd), Chairman, ASSOCHAM National Council on Defence and Aerospace; Sunil Kanoria, President ASSOCHAM and industry address by Anil Dhirubhai Ambani, Chairman and CEO, Reliance ADA Group; Bimal Sareen, Director, OIS-AT and Pierre De Bausset, President and Managing Director, Airbus Group. •



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Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India (*message received in 2014)



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Boeing's fundamental shift in India strategy

- Sustainment activity to expand rapidly
- Boeing Rotorcraft support to come soon

By **R. CHANDRAKANTH**

With a growing fleet of aircraft (both fixed and rotary wing) in India, Boeing Defense, Space and Security is affecting a major fundamental shift in its strategy here by increasing the sustainment activity.

The Vice President, India Boeing Defense, Space & Security (BDS), Dennis D. Swanson told a media round table that Boeing is "really committed to grow this particular segment" by focusing on training and services. In the next few years, India is going to have over 100 aircraft and Boeing would partnering with customers to ensure that the aircraft are constantly operational.

Explaining in detail the strategy, Vinayak Rajagopal, India Leader, Global Services and Support, BDS, said that sustainment activity is not an after-thought but an ongoing effort, not just for Boeing platforms, but also non-Boeing platforms. In a 30-year lifecycle of an aircraft, future support of the aircraft is a critical element and it would cost about 70 per cent as against 30 per cent of the actual production cost.

In line with this thinking, Rajagopal said that in-country services and training would get accentuated in the near future based on a) performance based contracting (making availability of aircraft at 80 per cent); b) integrated supplier partnerships; c) commercial best practices; d) significant cost savings; e) increased readiness; and f) leverage the breadth and depth of Boeing. Presently, it is said that aircraft availability is between 50 and 60 per cent. "We can go beyond 90 per cent, but there is a trade cost-off and other operational issues



BOEING AH-64 APACHE
ATTACK HELICOPTER

which need to be taken into consideration and that is left to the end customer." The aircraft availability percentage varies depending on the platforms too.

ROTORCRAFT SUPPORT PROGRAMME, NEXT BIG THING

The next major programme in India, he said, would be helicopter inductions (Apache), expected to happen in two to three years' time and Boeing Rotorcraft Support which is present in nine worldwide locations, would add one more in India. The company was focused on total training solutions (whether it was full motion simulator/weapon systems, part task trainers etc), he said and added that Boeing was working on setting up a C-17 training centre and subsequently for the Apache helicopters.

Rajagopal stated that the company wanted to capitalise on the success of the Globemaster Integrated Sustainment Programme (GISP) C-17 programme and tailor it to the requirements of Indian Navy (presently the Indian Air Force is using it) and subsequently on the Apache and other platforms that would be inducted over the next few years. The company was installing a simulator in Gurgaon and this is likely to be ready by May this year.

"We want to create a strong India infrastructure services base," Rajagopal said and mentioned that with regard to MRO (maintenance, repair and overhaul) the company was talking to different players such as GMR, Air India. Right now, Boeing has a tie-up with Airworks.

Boeing's philosophy is to have global presence with strengthening local capabilities and it continues to work in this direction. •



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2. MAIN BATTLE TANK ARJUN MK II DEMO AT THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF DEFEXPO 2016.
3. THE NAVAL VERSION OF LCA TEJAS FLYING ON THE INAUGURAL DAY OF DEFEXPO 2016.
4. SARANG HELICOPTERS SHOWCASING AEROBATICS DISPLAY ON THE INAUGURAL DAY OF DEFEXPO 2016.

Russia proposes partnerships on a large-scale

By **R. CHANDRAKANTH**

JSC Rosoboronexport, a subsidiary of Rostec State Corporation, is discussing with its Indian partners for further modernisation of the Indian armed forces. "India is willing to develop its own defence industry in accordance with the 'Make in India' programme. We are ready to propose new large-scale projects for implementation in the interests of all military services with the most extensive involvement of Indian businesses, of relevant technology transfers and organisation of joint and licence productions. At the present time, for instance, we are in talks on the feasibility of developing Project 75(i) submarines based on the latest Amur 1650 diesel electric submarines, and on the procurement of an additional lot of Project 11356 frigates and setting up their licence production in India," said Sergei Goreslavsky, Deputy Director General of JSC Rosoboronexport who heads the joint delegation of Rostec State Corporation and JSC Rosoboronexport.

At Defexpo, Russia is marketing a new comprehensive project named 'Integrated Security Systems', a project for the development of an automated tactical command and control system adapted to meet the requirements of the Indian armed forces. The implementation of these projects suggest wide cooperation with Indian companies that will allow them to acquire necessary unique competencies.

Integrated Security Systems: The project is aimed at the development of integrated security systems required for protection of vital installations, various administrative formations, state borders, coastal zones, etc. All of them are based on the automated information system 'Safe City' designed to create a unified protected information environment, provide control of existing urban security means, and maintain smooth information interaction between municipal and law enforcement agencies. JSC Rosoboronexport is ready to supply a whole set of special-purpose equipment, automated command, control and communication systems, armaments and police hardware intended for law-enforcement and anti-terrorist groups. •



Esterline to participate in army modernisation programmes

Esterline is a specialised manufacturing company principally serving aerospace and defence markets. The Vice President and Managing Director of Esterline (India), **Rama Prasad**, talks about plans in India.

SP's ShowNews (SP's): Could you talk about products and services of Esterline?

Rama Prasad: Esterline offers a wide range of products covering a variety of end markets, but 80 per cent of the company's revenue comes from serving aerospace and defence markets, with products ranging from avionics equipment, projectors and displays for aircraft and simulators to switches, control products, precision sensors, specialised engineered materials and harsh-environment connectors. We like to say that if a pilot touches or interfaces with something in the cockpit, Esterline is likely part of that product or process.

SP's: What's your take on the Indian market?

Rama Prasad: It's a vibrant market in which Esterline has been and can continue to be a valuable contributor. The 'Make in India' effort offers new opportunities for the company to use local resources and services to serve both Indian and global markets. The vitality of the current Indian economy also offers us good market potential as the country acts on its defence and commercial needs to support growth.

SP's: What are your plans for the Indian market and could you talk on various programmes of Esterline in India?

Rama Prasad: Esterline has been operating in India for several years now. There are several defence programmes with the Navy and Air Force where Esterline products are currently in use. Indian Army modernisation and HAL/

Air Force/DRDO programmes also offer great opportunities to collaborate and make niche products in India.

SP's: What are the new initiatives of the company?

Rama Prasad: Esterline already has a strong presence in India with its Souraiu connectors, manufactured out of our Coimbatore and Cochin facilities. Further, we are expanding the engineering design centre in Bengaluru to develop more products for Esterline. On a broader scale, Esterline as a whole is engaged in a companywide strategy to better serve customers with a new Esterline Operating System and several operational and organisational improvement initiatives.

SP's: Could you talk about your customer base?

Rama Prasad: Esterline enjoys a vast customer base including many of the world's top aerospace and defence companies and organisations. In India, Esterline serves all three military forces directly and through PSU, BEL and HAL. We are also working with ISRO and DRDO on several active projects.

SP's: What's being done to sustain future growth?

Rama Prasad: Esterline firmly believes in the 'Make in India' concept and sees this as key factor in sustaining future growth and developing important products from India for the global market. India has been a part of Esterline's growth strategy for years and will continue to be an important piece of our strategy going forward. •



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Defence Minister visits HAL stall



DEFENCE MINISTER MANOHAR PARRIKAR WITH HAL CMD T. SUVARNA RAJU AT HAL STALL

The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has displayed scale models of ALH, LCH, LCA, Hawk, Do-228, Lakshya, Chetak, LUH, HTT40, Su-30MKI, HTFE 25 KN engine, etc., at the Defexpo 2016 that was inaugurated by Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar at Quitol, Goa, on March 28, 2016. "In addition, avionics, components of Su-30 and UAV are on display at the HAL stall spread over 300 square metres", said T. Suvarna Raju, CMD, HAL, after inaugurating the HAL stall at Defexpo 2016. The Defence Minister and other key officials visited the HAL stall.

HAL is also holding several business meetings over the next couple of days. The indigenous ALH and LCA enthralled the audience as part of the flying display over the Goan skies.

Defexpo provides a platform to exhibitors to display their latest technologies and products and an opportunity to explore the market and business potential. It is being held for the first time in Goa. •

Colt: Modular, dependable and innovative



R0991-9A

By **SP's CORRESPONDENT**

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Key highlights of the DPP 2016

By **R. CHANDRAKANTH**

The Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar in his inaugural address stated the need for India to develop its indigenous platforms and production. He also mentioned the release of the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) 2016, which has been a topic of discussion over a number of years with the government releasing its versions over a period of time. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) released certain portions of the DPP 2016 a few weeks back. It is not the 'complete' document though but includes the various annexes (including offset policy) will be made available in a couple of weeks' time. The Strategic Partnership Model will take longer to be implemented as well. Some of the key features of the policy are as below:

- Introduction of a Preamble that will act as a guiding light for all capital acquisitions; special emphasis on medium, small and micro enterprises; 'Make in India'; Strategic Partnership Model; swift decision making and striking a balance between various competing requirements
- Increased Priming of contracts by Indian vendors with a higher Indigenous Content (IC); 40 per cent for Buy (Indian) and 50 per cent for Buy & Make (Indian).
- Introduction of a new category IDDM – 'Indigenous Design Develop and Manufacture' as the most 'preferred' acquisition option.
- Introduction of IC on Buy & Make (for foreign OEMs) or else a balance between SKD; CKD and IM kits in order to ensure meaningful value addition in India.
- Defining an Indian vendor for defence articles requiring an industrial

licence as well not requiring an industrial licence.

- Introduction of two new concepts in the RFP:
 - Essential parameters A&B.
 - Enhanced performance parameters; moving from a plain vanilla L1 model to a L1-T1 model with up to 10 per cent leverage on price.
- Provision for using expert resources (outside technical experts) for the formulation of SQR's.
- AON (acceptance of necessity) validity reduced to six months Buy; Buy & Make categories. Buy & Make (Indian) AON to have a validity of one year.
- Offsets applicable only on cases of about \$300 million and above (₹2,000 crore)
- Change in name of the vendor is permitted at any stage of the bidding or contract execution process. Due steps to be taken by the OEM for the same.
- Provisions for the progress of single vendor cases at the bid submission stage itself have been introduced.
- FET (field evaluation trials) have been limited and in certain conditions even re-imburement can be made by the MoD.
- The standard contract document terms and conditions can be changed in accordance with G2G agreements in single vendor cases only
- DPP 2016 to be valid from April 1, 2016, for all AONs issued on or after this date.
 - For cases where AON has been provided but RFP not released, the previous DPP will continue to remain valid. This can be waived by the DAC.

A total of five chapters plus Preamble have been released. The above is a high level analysis of Chapter 1 and 2 only according to Ernst & Young with the other analysis to follow soon. •

Elbit Systems introduces Seagull:

A new multi-mission USV for maritime warfare missions

By SP's CORRESPONDENT

Drawing on world-class know-how derived from generations of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) design, development and operation and its naval capabilities, Elbit Systems' newest offering in the unmanned platform field is Seagull – an organic, modular, highly autonomous, multi-mission unmanned surface vehicle (USV) system.

Seagull is a 12-metre USV with replaceable mission modules, with two vessels capable of being operated and controlled in concert using a single Mission Control System (MCS), from manned ships or from the shore.

The system provides unmanned end-to-end minehunting operation taking the man out of the minefield. It provides mission planning, and on-line operation in known and unknown areas, including area survey, search, detection, classification, identification, neutralisation and verification. It is equipped to search the entire water volume and operate underwater vehicles to identify and neutralise mines.

Seagull changes the dynamics of anti-submarine operations by creating a threat to submarines using a cost-effective and available asset, replacing and



augmenting manned assets with minimal threat from submarines. It empowers a surface vessel or naval base commander with off-board, available and rapidly deployable anti-submarine warfare (ASW) capabilities to protect critical sea areas and high-value assets from submarine as well as sea mine threats.

Incorporating Elbit Systems' extensive experience in UAS, Seagull features a robust, highly-autonomous and safe sailing capability as well as modular mission payload suites, selected to match a variety of required missions including EW, surface force protection, hydrographical missions in addition to the core MCM and ASW missions. The sailing suite includes a patented Autonomous Navigation System (ANS), with obstacle avoidance, which considers the international regula-

tions for preventing collisions at sea.

Network ready and long enduring, Seagull features inherent C4I capabilities for enhanced situation awareness and can remain at sea for over 96 hours. The Seagull multi-mission USV system offers navies a true force multiplier in reducing risk, cost and manpower requirements in performing missions which have only been performed to date by costly manned assets. •

Astra strong in RF and microwave components

By R. CHANDRAKANTH

Astra Microwave Products Pvt Ltd (AMPL), a public listed company based at Hyderabad, has been spearheading design, development and manufacturing of RF and microwave components, super components, systems and related technologies to space and defence sectors.

Over the years, AMPL has risen to the need of the hour with unflagging enthusiasm and a capacity to rapidly turnaround new technological breakthroughs using their strong and committed in-house R&D team. This has in turn enhanced the capability to deal with a growing market with ever changing technological requirements. One of the major contributions to the state-of-the-art active phased array radar systems has been the development and automated mass manufacturing of antenna arrays, transmit-receive modules, exciters-receivers, etc.

Sensing the need for a fabless Semiconductor Design Centre capable of designing monolithic microwave integrated circuits (MMIC), AMPL has established a comprehensive design team along with test facilities and has been able to turnout many MMIC components indigenously. Recently the company has spun off their MMIC division into Aelius Semiconductors Pvt Ltd operating from Singapore.

Astra Microwave was also one of the first beneficiaries of the offset programme having won the very first offset contract in India. Since then they have been working consistently with foreign



OEMs on offset programmes and have delivered high-end modules in high quantity meeting the quality and delivery benchmarks. This combined with their strong presence in the Indian market makes the company ideally poised to go on further and become a strong player in the 'Buy and Make (Indian)' category of defence procurements.

AMPL has posed itself as the manufacturing partner for foreign OEMs looking to make their products in India and supplying to the swiftly increasing demands of defence forces in India for modern equipments. With offsets taking a back-seat in the policy domain of the Government of India and the present government pushing for 'Make in India', many of the future defence procurements are expected to move in this direction. The Hyderabad-based firm is therefore well placed in positioning itself as a partner for manufacturing strategic electronics for major foreign OEMs

that are eyeing the high capital spending of the Indian armed forces. Moving on in this direction, AMPL has formed joint venture companies with Rafael, Advanced Defence Systems Ltd., Israel, for communication products – Astra Rafael Comsys Pvt Ltd (ARC), and with Unique Broadband Systems, Canada for high power transmitters, satellite communication products and products for broadcasting application – Astra UBS Technologies Pvt Ltd.

AMPL has expanded its operations to Bengaluru and has also set up office in Delhi to work on the futuristic requirements of the Indian Ministry of Defence, eyeing opportunities to produce smaller defence systems in collaboration with foreign equipment manufacturers. The company has invested heavily into infrastructure and has been supporting the Defence Research and Development Organisation, Indian Space Research Organisation and the defence public sector units for strategic electronics that form part of radar systems, electronic warfare systems, telemetry systems and satellite systems. Having worked in various programmes of Indian defence, supplying strategic electronics in the form of subsystems and components, the company is already working in the high technology domain.

The company believes that with their technological ability on the subsystem level combined with the expertise of foreign OEMs, they can support the requirements of the Indian armed forces under the 'Make in India' programme. It is only logical then that Astra Microwave poses themselves as an ideal partner to foreign OEMs for 'making their products in India'. •

ODU Connector Solutions – For most harsh environments

ODU connectors are ideally suited for mission critical military applications and their extreme environmental conditions

Over the past two years there have been new product and application developments on the military market and just as many changes. However, manufacturers' and users' requirements and requests remained the same: weight reduction, robustness, ease of handling, and secure transmission of a high number of signals in the smallest available space. Designed especially for military and security technology, ODU AMC is an advanced and highly reliable connector solution with Push-Pull locking or Break-Away function. Rugged, watertight and easy to clean, these lightweight, non-reflective connector systems have excellent EMI shielding within a compact housing. Individual contact configurations are available in one integrated connector solution: signal, low/high voltage transmission, coax/triax. ODU's premium connectors securely and reliably transmit data and signals, making them useful in a diverse array of applications for example in soldier modernization applications. The ODU AMC series include four different types of connector solutions: ODU AMC High-Density, ODU AMC Push-Pull, ODU AMC Break-Away and ODU AMC Easy-Clean.

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MoD to sign maintenance contract with Russian Helicopters

By **SP's CORRESPONDENT**

Rostec today announced that its subsidiary company Russian Helicopters is close to signing a long-term maintenance agreement with the Indian Ministry of Defence (MoD) to provide after-sales service for entire Indian fleet of Mi-17 helicopters. This long-term maintenance agreement will be for the entire life-cycle of the fleet and marks a shift from the earlier approach provision of after-sales support.

According to the preliminary agreement, Russian Helicopters will provide repairs for the Mi-17 fleet and also supply spares throughout the entire life-cycle of the rotorcraft. Repairs of helicopters operated in India will be performed by enterprises that are part of Russian Helicopters. The current contract life-cycle is expected to be three to five years. A further extension, as well as expansion of helicopter models covered by the after-sales support system is part of the plan and is being considered.

"We are very excited to be coming to India to be part of Defexpo 2016. These are exciting times for India's defence industry as Asia's geopolitics increasingly takes shape around India. This has led to India's defence services focus even more strongly on modernisation and expansion. Within that ambit we plan to sign a contract that will lay the foundation for a new era of after-



IAF's MI-17 HELICOPTER

sales collaboration between Russian Helicopters and India. This is now being discussed with the Indian Air Force, Navy and border patrol troops of India," said Sergei Chemezov, CEO of Rostec State Corporation. "For us, it will be the first long-term service contract with India. Set prices and delivery dates for supplying equipment needed to repair our helicopters are among the advantages of this type of contract. It will boost Russian-made helicopters after-sales system to a new level."

'MANPADS' VERBA DEBUT IN INDIA

Rostec State Corporation also announced that it is showcasing Verba, the world's most advanced man-portable air-defence missile systems (MANPADS) for the first time outside of Russia. This initiates the active promotion of Verba in the international markets. Verba has been designed and manufactured by KBM Scientific Production Concern, a part of JSC High Precision Weapons. Presently, Verba MANPADS is just entering into service with the Russian Army.

Rostec State Corporation holding company, United Instrument Manufacturing Corporation, also presented a mobile fire control unit, designed for the operational control of the actions of forces armed with portable anti-aircraft missile systems, including Verba. •

BEL ties up with Rosoboronexport

By SP's CORRESPONDENT

The Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) and Rosoboronexport (part of Rostec State Corporation) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) today, under which the two will cooperate for the joint development of various subsystems of major defence projects under the offset clause of the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP). The industrial tie-up will cater to the requirements of all the three arms of the Indian defence forces as well as the civilian sector.

The MoU will also give a boost to BEL's long-standing association with Russia and will go a long way in furthering the 'Make in India' initiative of the Government of India. "BEL is very happy to join hands with Rosoboronexport in taking up the design and development of state-of-the-art products and systems for various strategic programmes of the Ministry of Defence," said P.C. Jain, Director (Marketing), BEL. •



(TOP) DEFENCE MINISTER MANOHAR PARRIKAR WITH CMDRE SUJEET SAMADDAR (RETD), DIRECTOR AND CEO, SHINMAYWA INDUSTRIES INDIA, AT THE SHINMAYWA STALL



(RIGHT) CHIEF OF THE NAVAL STAFF ADMIRAL R.K. DHOWAN WITH CMDRE SUJEET SAMADDAR (RETD) AT THE SHINMAYWA STALL



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Sri Lankan Minister visits GSL



STATE MINISTER OF DEFENCE OF SRI LANKA RUWAN WIJEWARDENE WITH REAR ADMIRAL SHEKHAR MITAL (RETD), CMD, GSL; (RIGHT) HANDING OVER ICGS SHOOR

By **R. CHANDRAKANTH**

The State Minister of Defence of Sri Lanka Ruwan Wijewardene visited Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) on the opening day. During the visit, Wijewardene had discussions with Rear Admiral Shekhar Mital (Retd), Chairman and Managing Director of GSL, and other senior officers on progress of Sri Lankan vessels under construction at GSL. Karunasena Hettiarachchi, Secretary, Ministry of Defence of Sri Lanka, and Lt General A.W.J.C. De Silva, Commander of the Army of Sri Lanka, were also present.

The Minister was conducted around the shipyard by CMD GSL and also taken to both the Sri Lankan patrol vessels under construction. The Minister took keen interest in the ongoing construction of ships and also visited CGOPV Shoor, delivered to Coast Guard on March 16. Commanding Officer Shoor conducted him around the ship and apprised the Sri Lankan delegation of the advanced features of CGOPV with reference to older OPVs. The Sri Lankan delegation expressed happiness with the progress of the work and was also shown the infrastructure augmentation being undertaken for MCMV project.

Earlier a presentation was made to the Sri Lankan delegation on in-house design capability, product profile and future potential of cooperation. It is noteworthy that the shipyard is executing large export orders from Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Mauritius. Today GSL is the largest exporter of ships from country with present order book of over ₹1,200 crore.

GSL DELIVERS SECOND OPV OF NEW CLASS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE TO INDIAN COAST GUARD

The second in the class, of new 105M offshore patrol vessel (OPV) ICGS Shoor built on GSL in-house design was delivered to the Indian Coast Guard on March 23, 2016, one-and-a-half months ahead of contractual schedule. First CGOPV of this series was also delivered ahead of contractual schedule.

This largest and most advanced new generation OPV was handed over by Rear Admiral Shekhar Mital to DIG Surendra Singh Dasila, Commanding Officer, in presence of DIG T.P. Sadanandan, TM, Principal Director (Mat) Indian Coast Guard, DIG R.D. Shedbalkar, CSO (Tech), Coast Guard Region (W) and DIG Arun Shrivastav, CGRPS (Goa) in a simple ceremony held at GSL on March 23, 2016. S.P. Raikar, Director (Operations) GSL, Sudhakar T.N., Director (Finance) GSL and other officials of Indian Coast Guard and GSL were also present on the occasion.

CMD in his message said: "The delivery of second CGOPV ahead of schedule is a landmark event for GSL. The ship was launched on March 21, 2015. Delivery of the ship in one year of its launch, as was committed at the time of launch, is reflective of yard's shipbuilding capabilities, commitment and validation of our execution skills. CMD added that the OPV being handed over today speaks of GSL's commitment to the 'Make in India' initiative of the Government of India and yet another proof of successful journey towards timely execution of the project by a proud DPSU shipyard, in perfect synergy with Coast Guard. Manifestation of this initiative will be seen more and more from GSL in times to come". The ship has been built in supervision of Coast Guard Headquarters and CGRPS based at Goa. Due to the very strong feedback mechanism and effective supervision, the ship incorporates top-end design features and innovation by shipyard and a testament to the innate design capability of shipyard.

This state-of-the-art OPV is second in the class of six OPVs being built by GSL for Indian Coast Guard. It will be the second biggest ship on joining Coast Guard fleet. The induction of Shoor will help meet the increasing requirement of the Indian Coast Guard for undertaking policing and patrolling of the vast Indian exclusive economic zone. The ship has state-of-the-art engine/machinery controls for ease of operation, advanced electronic warfare and electronic systems and gun. •

Rockwell Collins receives contract from ECIL for communications and navigation components

By **SP's CORRESPONDENT**

Rockwell Collins has received a contract from the Electronics Corporation of India Ltd (ECIL) to supply communications and navigation components for radios being indigenously manufactured by ECIL for Indian defence forces. These components supplied by Rockwell Collins are used for integration into digital V/UHF radio, an IP-enabled state-of-the-art transceiver for ship-to-ship, ship-to-shore and ground-to-air communications.

"The recent award is part of a long-term agreement signed with ECIL in 2010. To date, Rockwell Collins has delivered more than 1,000 units to ECIL," said Sunil Raina, Managing Director, India, for Rockwell Collins.

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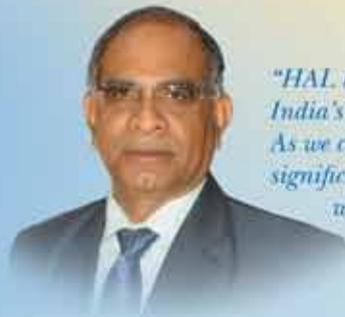
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