



Defence Acquisition Council

Why in News?

The [Defence Acquisition Council \(DAC\)](#) accorded **Acceptance of Necessity (AoN)** for capital acquisition proposals worth Rs 70,500 crore for the Armed Forces & [Indian Coast Guard](#) under 'Buy Indian-IDDMM' (Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured).

What are the Highlights of Acquisition Proposals?

- **Indian Navy:**
 - Out of the total proposals, **Indian Navy** proposals constitute more than Rs 56,000 crore, which largely includes indigenous [BrahMos cruise missiles](#), [Shakti Electronic Warfare \(EW\)](#) systems, [Utility Helicopters-Maritime](#) among others.
- **Air force:**
 - Long Range Stand-Off Weapon for the [Indian Air Force](#) gets a nod, which is to be integrated on [SU-30 MKI aircraft](#).
- **Army:**
 - Also, 155mm/52 Caliber [Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System \(ATAGS\)](#), along with High Mobility & Gun Towing Vehicles will be procured for the Indian Army.
- **Hindustan Aeronautics:**
 - Hindustan Aeronautics is a big beneficiary of this announcement by DAC, as it shall supply [Advance Light Helicopters MK-III](#) to the Indian Coast Guard. The Helicopter will be able to carry a suite of surveillance sensors which will enhance the surveillance capabilities, along with giving full night capability and Instrument Flight Rules capability for operations of the Indian Coast Guard.
- **The Medium Speed Marine Diesel Engine:**
 - Under the [Make-I category](#), the Medium Speed Marine Diesel Engine will be manufactured indigenously.

What is the Defense Acquisition Council?

- The DAC is the **highest decision-making body in the Defence Ministry** for deciding on new policies and capital acquisitions for the three services (Army, Navy and Air Force) and the Indian Coast Guard.
- The Minister of Defence is the Chairman of the Council.
- It was formed, after the Group of Ministers recommendations on '**Reforming the National Security System**', in 2001, post Kargil War (1999).

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