



# DAC Granted Acceptance of Necessity for Defence Acquisition Proposals

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## Why in News?

Recently, the [Defence Acquisition Council \(DAC\)](#) granted **acceptance of necessity (AoN)** for 10 defence acquisition proposals worth Rs. 1,44,716 crores.

- Indigenous sources will account for 99% of the total value of the projects cleared by DAC under the [Buy \(Indian\) and Buy \(Indian-IDDMM\)](#) categories.

## Note:

- An AoN means the government has **accepted the need** for the equipment and is the **first step** towards initiation of the **procurement process**. However, grant of an AoN does not necessarily lead to a final order.
- The [Buy \(Indian-Indigenously Designed Developed and Manufactured \(IDDMM\)\)](#) category is the **most important category of acquisition** for indigenisation under the defence procurement policy.

## What are the Major Acquisition Proposals?

- **Future Ready Combat Vehicles (FRCVs):** Forming the centrepiece of the projects cleared by the government, it is an advanced [Main Battle Tank](#) with superior mobility, all-terrain capability, multilayered protection, precision, lethal firepower, and real-time situational awareness.
  - Its purpose is to replace ageing Soviet-origin [T-92 tanks](#).
  - The Indian Army plans to induct 1,770 FRCVs at a cost of around ₹60,000 crore.
    - Under the **Make I procedure** of [Defence Acquisition Procedure \(DAP\)](#), the **FRCVs** will be acquired in three phases.
- **Air Defence Fire Control Radars:** It can detect and track aerial targets and allocate guns for firing.
  - The current procurement follows the earlier import of **66 radars** from Israel at Rs 2,500 crore, intended to replace outdated **fly-catcher radars**.
  - The proposal has also been approved for Forward Repair Team (Tracked) which has suitable cross country mobility for carrying out in-situ repair during mechanised operations.
- **Proposals for Indian Coast Guard:**
  - **Dornier-228 Aircraft** - to enhance the [ICG](#)'s surveillance and reconnaissance capabilities.
  - **Next Generation Fast Patrol Vessels** - with high operational features for rough weather conditions
  - **Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels** - with enhanced long-range operations to carry out patrolling of maritime zones, search and rescue, and disaster relief operations.

## What is the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)?

- The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** is the top decision-making authority in the Defence Ministry for establishing **new policies and capital acquisitions** for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and the Indian Coast Guard.
- The Council is chaired by the **Minister of Defence**.
- It was established in **2001** following the recommendations of the Group of Ministers on '**Reforming the National Security System,**' in the wake of the **Kargil War 1999**.

## What are India's Efforts for Self-Reliance in Defence Manufacturing?

- Self-reliance in the defence manufacturing sector is one of the government's top priorities. India has taken a raft of measures to boost self-reliance including:
  - Phased **bans on the import of hundreds of weapons and systems**
  - Separate budget for buying locally made military hardware
  - Increasing FDI from 49% to 74% and improving ease of doing business.
- The '**Make' Categories** is another initiative to achieve the objective of **self-reliance** by involving greater participation of the Indian **industrial ecosystem** including private sector. **It includes the Following Procedures:**
  - **Make-I (Government Funded):** It involves design and development of equipment, systems, major platforms or upgrades thereof by the industry.
    - For Projects under **Make-I sub-category**, MoD provide fund support maximum **upto 70%** of the prototype development cost, based on **viability gap funding** method.
  - **Make-II (Industry Funded):** It covers military hardware that may not be designed and developed indigenously, but can be manufactured in the country for **import substitution**.
    - No government funding is provided.
  - **Make-III (Indigenously Manufactured):** These are subsystems, components, and **ammunition** produced in India to replace imports for existing weapon systems, often through foreign partnerships or technology transfers.

## UPSC Civil Services Examination, Previous Year Question (PYQ)

### Prelims

Q.What is "Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD)", sometimes seen in the news? **(2018)**

- (a) An Israeli radar system
- (b) India's indigenous anti-missile programme
- (c) An American anti-missile system
- (d) A defence collaboration between Japan and South Korea.

**Ans: (c)**

Q.Department of Border Management is a Department of which one of the following Union Ministries? **(2008)**

- (a) Ministry of Defence
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways
- (d) Ministry of Environment and Forests

**Ans: (b)**

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