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FOR EXCELLENCE IN DEFENCE AND AEROSPACE SECTOR
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1. **Introduction.** With the aim to provide a further boost to the 'Make in India' initiative in Defence and Aerospace sector, Raksha Mantri's Awards will be awarded for excellence will be awarded every year under 03 major categories viz. Indigenization, Innovation & Exports The core objectives, modality of selection for the Awards, including eligibility conditions, assessment parameters and selection methodology are given in the online Portal (rmawards.ddpmod@gov.in) for processing of applications for the Awards.

2. **Core Objectives of Awards.** The core objectives for institution of the Awards for Private Industry are envisaged to be as follows:-

(a) To encourage and reward all-round excellence in various dimensions of organisational performance.

(b) To facilitate widening and deepening of Industrial base in Indian Defence and Aerospace sector by identifying 'hidden gems' from Private Industries, especially from MSME / Start-Up segment and promoting them as role models for others.

(c) To provide a boost to export potential in Defence and Aerospace sector by publicising outstanding achievements at national and international level.

(d) To encourage indigenous design, manufacture and innovation by instituting focused awards in these categories.

(e) To facilitate wider recognition of outstanding Indian firms, including MSME and Start Up enterprises amongst national and international customers in Defence and Aerospace sector.

3. **AWARD CATEGORIES.** The categories of Awards will be as follows:-

Ser	Category	Sub-Category	Remarks
<i>Institutional Awards</i>			
1	RM's Award for Excellence in Innovation / Technological Breakthrough	Large Scale Enterprises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner and 1st Runner Up in each Category / Sub-Category. • Total 20 Awards in 'Institutional' Category • Trophies and Citations to be awarded
2		Medium Scale Enterprises	
3		Small Scale Enterprises	
4		Start Up Entities	
5	RM's Award for Excellence in Indigenisation / Import Substitution	Large Scale Enterprises	
6		Medium Scale Enterprises	
7		Small Scale Enterprises	
8	RM's Award for Excellence in Exports in Defence and Aerospace Sector	Large Scale Enterprises	
9		Medium Scale Enterprises	
10		Small Scale Enterprises	

<i>Individual / Team Awards</i>			
11	RM's Award for Excellence in Innovation / Technological Breakthrough	--	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winner, 1st Runner Up and 2nd Runner Up in each Category. • Total 06 Awards in 'Individual / Team' Category • Citations and Cash Awards (Rs 5 Lakhs for Winner, Rs 3 Lakh for 1st Runner Up and Rs 2 Lakh for 2nd Runner Up).
12	RM's Award for Excellence in Indigenisation / Import Substitution	--	

4. **ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS.** Following eligibility conditions will apply for selection of Private Industry for RM's Awards:-

Ser	Condition	Remarks / Documents
1	Registered under Companies Act 2013 or MSME Act 2006	Copies of relevant documents to be enclosed with Award Application
2	In possession of GSTIN and PAN	
3	Not blacklisted or put on Tender Holiday by any Govt agency	Self affidavit signed by authorised signatory to be enclosed with Award Application
4	No legal action / enquiry pending for any Economic or Criminal offence	
5	In possession of Start Up Certificate of Recognition issued by DIPP	Applicable only for Start Up category. Copy of DIPP certificate to be enclosed

5. **Selection Methodology.** The methodology for selection for Awards will be as follows:-

(a) **Submission of Self Assessment.** Applications will be filed online, along with all relevant supporting documents and photographs by applicants for each Award, within promulgated closing date / time. It is recommended that only information of UNCLAS nature to be uploaded by Applicants, at the Preliminary Screening Stage and any additional document required to be presented, in support of their claims, and are classified in nature, can be mentioned/intimated while applying online and those documents can be submitted later during the concerned Applicant's presentation to the Assessment Team or can be produced during the latter's Onsite Visit, if planned.

(b) **Screening of Applications by Sub-Committees**. The preliminary screening of applications is to be done in two phases, in the first phase by Pre-screening committees and in the second phase by Expert Committees, in the categories mentioned above. These committees are planned to be constituted by incorporating Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) from relevant fields. On-Site Validation / Assessment will be carried out by the Expert Committee, if deemed necessary. A Screening Committee, under Secretary Defence Production, MoD will be carrying out the Final screening to decide on Winners under various categories. The recommendations of Screening Committee will be submitted for final approval of Hon'ble Raksha Mantri.

6. **SUMMARY**. RM Awards for Excellence is aimed to provide wider recognition to outstanding Indian Defence Manufacturers and also to foster vision of Atma Nirbhar Bharat. It is also expected to provide a boost to export potential of Indian defence industry, especially for MSME and Start-Up firms, by publicising their outstanding achievements at the global level. Awards are also aimed at encouraging Indian industries to invest in technology and product innovations to address capability gaps of Defence Forces and also to inculcate the culture and spirit of innovation.