

Clarifications on "Possibilities in Defence"

New orders are the bread and butter of all defence-centric industries. The Indian industries engaged in the production of defence equipment can only thrive if they receive a constant stream of new orders and the initial payment that is given on commencement of work on those orders. Without this, no matter how sophisticated an industry or how renowned a factory, it will decay and disintegrate over the course of time. For this reason, a constant stream of a large number of defence orders should be placed by the Ministry of Defence allocated to local Indian industries engaged in the area of defence manufacturing. This act will be designed to trigger capacity expansion at those factories, and the orders should be made in such a way that they are completed in a relatively short amount of time, after which new orders are to be placed.

For example, if the Ministry of Defence right now placed an order for 5 frigates at Cochin Shipyard that are to be completed within 2 years, and simultaneously placed another order of 5 frigates each at two other Indian shipyards, then after 2 years you will see that you have manufactured 15 frigates, and three Indian shipyards have in the meantime undertaken huge capacity expansion enabling them to manufacture even more frigates in a shorter period of time. Indian engineers also have a big role to play in these areas of defence manufacturing. Because these industries are also located within India, capacity enhancement of these industries will lead to increased prosperity of India.

There is no point in creating a Defence Industrial Corridor if the industries and factories that are to operate in this corridor do not receive any new orders from the Defence Ministry. If that happens then a factory created once will start to languish and rust away. So the important thing is to create and maintain a constant stream of new orders from the Ministry of Defence that are designed to create and sustain defence industries along the Defence Industrial Corridors.

The only question is, are you ready for it? Are you prepared to place orders for 15 frigates that are to be completed within two years, divided amongst three different Indian shipyards. As I said, it is possible, but it has never been done before.

There is also the question of how much Indian defence really needs to develop in order to fulfil India's needs. We can develop it into a very advanced army, but that will only be required if India sought to acquire other territories or sought to engage in an all out war with a large power like China or the US. Which would be futile because even if we won that war India has no knowledge and experience in handling overseas territories. As such, we need the military primarily for self-defense and for rescue and relief operations. Which even the military in its current state can do with ease if it receives good enough strategic guidance.

Anyhow, that was that, and it borders on the limits of my intelligence and wisdom in this area. You can also consider placing orders for 30 tanks from industries of the Defence Industrial Corridor, that are to be completed within 3 years.