## Big Boost To Make In India: Centre Approves Indigenisation Of 928 Defence Items To Promote 'Aatmanirbharta'

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The report added that the Ministry of Defence has initiated these measures to promote 'Aatmanirbharta' in the <u>defence sector</u> and minimise imports by Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs). These will be procured only from the Indian industry, according to an official statement.

The PTI report also said that the DPSUs will undertake indigenisation of these items through different routes under the 'Make' category and in-house development through the capabilities of MSMEs and private Indian industry. This will provide impetus to the growth in the economy, enhance investment in defence, and reduce the import dependence of DPSUs. The initiative will also augment the design capabilities of the domestic defence industry by involving academia and research institutions.

The DPSUs will soon initiate procurement action for the notified items. The industry may look for Expression of Interest (EoIs) or Request for Proposal (RFPs) on the Srijan Portal Dashboard, designed for this purpose, and may come forward to participate in a large number. The details of the items have been made available on the SRIJAN Portal (srijandefence.gov.in), according to officials.