

DEFENCE PROCUREMENT PROCEDURE

Prelims: Governance- Institutional Reforms

Mains: GS-II- Government policies and interventions for development in various sectors and issues arising out of their design and implementation.

Why in News?

- ▶▶ Raksha Mantri Shri. Rajnath Singh has approved setting up of a Committee under the Chairmanship of Director General (Acquisition) to review the Defence Procurement Procedure (DPP) 2016 and Defence Procurement Manual (DPM) 2009. The Committee will revise and align the procedures with the aim of ensuring seamless flow from asset acquisition to life cycle support.

The Committee:

- ▶▶ The DPP 2016 and DPM 2009 have been due for revision. Aligning the procedures will ensure seamless flow from asset acquisition to life cycle support and strengthen the 'Make in India' initiative of the Government.
- ▶▶ Apart from DG (ACQ) 11 other members, not below the rank of Joint Secretary/Major General equivalent, are part of this high-level committee.

Terms of reference of the Committee:

- ▶▶ Revise the procedures as given in DPP 2016 and DPM 2009, so as to remove procedural bottlenecks and hasten defence acquisition.
- ▶▶ Align and standardise the provisions in the DPP 2016 and DPM 2009, wherever applicable, to optimise life cycle support for equipment.
- ▶▶ Simplify policy and procedures to facilitate greater participation of Indian Industry and develop robust Defence Industrial base.
- ▶▶ Wherever applicable, examine and incorporate new concepts, such as life cycle costing, life cycle support, performance based logistics, ICT, lease contracting, codification & standardisation. Include provisions to promote Indian start-ups and research & development. Any other aspect which will contribute towards refining the acquisition process and support the 'Make in India' initiative.