

Why is India one of the biggest defence equipment importer?

Description

Present scenario:-

- According to latest reports of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI),
 India is fifth on the list of worldâ??s biggest military spenders as of 2016.
- Indiaâ??s overall defence budget seen an hike of 6% in 2017-2018.
- As per the latest reports of SIPRI, <u>India is the biggest defence equipmentâ??s import from</u> 2012-16. Accounted for 13% of the total global arm import.
- India imports arms from countries like Russia, the US, Europe and Israel.

Why India imports defence equipment :-

- Indiaâ??s defence industries dominated by Public sector and defence ministry find it difficult to promote private sector. Roughly 60% of Indiaâ??s defence requirements met through Imports.
- Importing defence equipmentâ??s from major arm producing countries has <u>ensured and</u> enhanced Indiaâ??s defence on the global front.
- Due to <u>lack of clear-cut vision in Indiaâ??s</u> defence industry, India lacks flourishing defence industry of its own.
- India is still struggling to upgrade its arms manufacturing industries. Despite the huge budgets, there is no systematic transformation and over dependence on Russia is a hindrance in indigenization.
- After India declared itself a?? Nuclear Powera?? in 1998, it has been under obligation to move towards greater power status.
- <u>India currently face tow enemies Pakistan and China</u>, as Pakistan is also importing weapons from China, violation of Peace treaty and border standoff between India and China is also there. To counter these India is strengthening its defence.
- India needs weapons to <u>protect it from internal enemies</u>, there are Naxals and other internal security issues to deal with.

Situation of other countries :-

- <u>United States is the leading arm exporter in the world</u> with increased in exports by 11% in the last decade.
- Conflicts in the past decade drove Saudi Arabia to increase its military stock, making it 2nd largest importer of arms.
- China holds the thirds place as an arms exporter and fourth as importer of arms.
- Pakistan as the major buyer of Chinaâ??s arms managed to strengths it military power.

Conclusion:-

At present India is the biggest defence equipment importer as it stucked among politically unstable countries and with such neighbours, being Military active and strong is not a choice but a necessity. Due to defence scams of earlier governments, slow progress was seen. Now, India is moving towards its own defence system, prompting it under \hat{a} ? Make in India \hat{a} ?? initiative. Many praiseworthy progresses are seen in missile technology building India \hat{a} ?? own defence equipments. Yet, a lot needs to be done to make sure that there \hat{a} ?? effective private-public partnership and joint-production with foreign firms for the growth of India \hat{a} ?? own defence Industry.

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