



Army's GOCO Model for Improving Efficiency

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Recently, the Indian Army has initiated the process of identifying potential industry partners to implement the **Government Owned Contractor Operated (GOCO) model** for its base workshops and ordnance depots.

GOCO will improve the operational efficiency of the army.

Key Points

- The army issued a **Request For Information (RFI)** to shortlist service providers with experience in **warehousing, logistics and supply chain management**.
- **Criteria for Service Provider:** It should be an **Indian registered company** with at **least 10 years of working experience** in related domains and have an **average annual turnover of ₹50 crore** for each of the last three financial years.

Government Owned Contractor Operated Model

- It was one of the recommendations of the **Lt. Gen. DB Shekatkar (Retd.) committee to enhance combat capability and re-balancing defence expenditure**.
- In GOCO model, the assets owned by government is operated by the private industries.
- The private players are given full autonomy in implementing the vision set by the government, using their best practices.
- The main advantage of the model is that it is efficient and will boost competitiveness among the private entities.

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