



Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme

Why in News

Recently, the **Defence Ministry** has announced that it will soon issue **Requests For Proposal (RFPs)** to set up **eight defence testing facilities in the country** in partnership with the **private sector**.

- These RFPs would be issued under the [Defence Testing Infrastructure Scheme \(DTIS\)](#).
- The RFP is a **business document** that announces a **project, describes it, and invites bids for completing it**.

Key Points

▪ Background:

- Under [Make in India](#), India has accorded **high priority to development of the manufacturing base of Defence and Aerospace sectors in the country** so as to reduce dependence on imports.
- Towards this, the establishment of [Defence Industrial Corridors \(DICs\)](#) in **Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu** was announced.
- Several other initiatives like **Revised Make-II procedures**, [Innovations for Defence Excellence \(iDEX\)](#) and **Defence Investors Cell** have been created with an aim to provide an ecosystem to foster innovation and technology development and encourage Indian industry to invest in Aerospace and Defence sectors.
 - **Defence Investors Cell** was created to **provide all necessary information** including addressing queries related to investment opportunities, procedures and regulatory requirements for investment in the sector.

▪ About DTIS:

- The scheme was launched on **8th May, 2020** and would run for the **duration of five years**.
- It envisages **setting up of 6-8 Greenfield Defence Testing Infrastructure facilities** that are required for **defence and aerospace related production**.
- It also envisages to **set up test facilities** in partnership with private industry.

▪ Objectives:

- **Promote indigenous defence production**, with special focus on participation of the [Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises \(MSMEs\)](#) and Start Ups by bridging gaps in defence testing infrastructure in the country.
- **Provide easy access** and to **meet the testing needs** of the domestic defence industry.
- **Facilitate indigenous defence production**, consequently reduce imports of military equipment and help make the country self-reliant.

▪ Finance and Cooperation:

- The Scheme has an **outlay of Rs 400 crore** for creating **state of the art testing infrastructure** over the duration of five years.
- The projects under the Scheme will be provided with up to **75% government funding in**

the form of 'Grant-in-Aid'.

- The **remaining 25% of the project cost** will have to be borne by the **Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)** whose constituents will be **Indian private entities and State Governments**.
 - **Only private entities registered in India and State Government agencies** will qualify for forming the implementation agency for the Scheme.
 - The **SPVs under the Scheme** will be registered under [Companies Act 2013](#).

[Source: PIB](#)

PDF Refernece URL: <https://www.drishtias.com/printpdf/defence-testing-infrastructure-scheme-1>

