

**FICCI congratulates Indian industry consortia on down-selection for  
'MAKE' Project of Army's Battlefield Management System  
Brings attention of the MoD to delays in finalizing the Futuristic Infantry  
Combat Vehicle (FICV)**

**New Delhi, March 3, 2015:** Dr A. Didar Singh, Secretary General, FICCI, has welcomed the decision of the Indian Army and Ministry of Defence for down-selecting two Indian industry consortia, namely, Tata Power and Larsen & Turbo and Bharat Electronics Limited and Rolta, as Development Agencies for the Ministry's prestigious 'MAKE' Program: 'Battlefield Management System (BMS)'.

This is a Network Centric Program aimed at developing an indigenous prototype of BMS for the Indian Army under the MAKE category of the Defence Procurement Procedure. The success of the program is bound to unleash the potential of Indian defence manufacturing, especially the private sector.

FICCI congratulates the two industry consortia and believes that they would deliver state-of-the-art prototypes within the stipulated time frame at a price that is competitive. These products will help India in inching towards the goal of self-reliance, besides giving the user a sense of pride from a 'MAKE in India' technology. The success of the project will boost the confidence of foreign investors and defence companies in partnering with Indian industry in keeping with the 'Make in India' vision.

Dr Didar Singh has appreciated the quicker decision making process adopted by the DGIS, MoD, and Indian Army for the down-selection of Indian industry consortia to participate in the Prototype Development Phase of this 'MAKE' Program followed by a Production Order, which will be decided by the MoD after successful completion of the prototype.

He mentioned that FICCI has over the years advocated focus on 'MAKE' projects as India's defence needs can be addressed by customised development of products based on geographic and strategic requirements. FICCI would like to bring the attention of the MoD to delays in finalizing the Futuristic Infantry Combat Vehicle (FICV), another 'MAKE' project under consideration of the Indian Army which has already seen inordinate delays.

FICCI has called for more projects to be categorised under 'MAKE' to achieve self reliance in the true sense.

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