

Army soft-pedals light tank of DRDO-L&T for China border

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Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani flagged off on Monday the 91st self-propelled howitzer that Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has built at its Armoured System Complex (ASC) in Hazira. L&T is looking to complete delivery of its contract for 100 K-9 Vajra tracked guns by February, well ahead of schedule.



Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani flags off self-propelled howitzer built by L&T at its Armoured System Complex in Hazira, on Monday

After February, however, once the Army has been handed over the last of these 155 mm, 52-calibre howitzers — essentially artillery guns mounted on a tank chassis for mobility — the ASC Hazira production line will fall silent. Then the expertise accumulated by L&T while building 100 K-9 Vajra guns will start dissipating.

This is because the Army is soft-pedalling the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) proposal to manufacture in L&T's facilities a line of at least 500 light tanks, which will be powered by the same 28-tonne chassis, hull and engine that powers the K-9 Vajra.

Instead of the K-9 Vajra artillery turret that mounts a heavy, 155 mm gun that shoots over the horizon, the light tank will have a smaller turret with a direct firing, high-pressure 105 mm gun, ready-built by Belgian firm John Cockerill.

The DRDO is offering the light tank for the Army to use in high-altitude areas such as Ladakh, where the Chinese ingress last May has already forced the deployment of two additional divisions (36,000 troops) and the impending move of another two divisions that are being diverted from a mechanised strike corps.

To supplement the two armoured regiments (each with 45 tanks) that already defended the China border, the Army has additionally raised two independent armoured brigades over the preceding decade — one for operations in Ladakh and the other for Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. Each of these brigades fields 175-200 tanks.

All these 500-odd tanks are currently 42-tonne T-72M1s, which are too large and heavy to move and operate in the narrow, twisty roads and low-weight-bearing bridges that are found in the Himalayas. Nor are the T-72 tank engines customised to operating in the oxygen-depleted atmosphere at those altitudes.

But the Army has still not backed the DRDO's efforts to replace the T-72s with a 30-35-tonne light tank that it is offering as a match for what the Army faces — China's new Type-15 light tank, also referred to as the ZTQ-15. Built by Chinese public sector firm Norinco, the Type-15 has been deployed over the past year on the Tibetan plateau opposite Eastern Ladakh.

DRDO sources say the indigenous light tank will be at least a match for the Type-15. Engineers of the Central Vehicle R&D Establishment, the Chennai-based DRDO laboratory that designs and develops armoured vehicles, say they are working with L&T to reduce the weight of the 28-tonne Vajra chassis by 3-4 tonnes, which

will bring the overall weight of the light tank to about 30 tonnes.

That will allow the Vajra's 1,000-horsepower German MTU engine and Allison transmission to create sufficient mobility for the light tank, even at high altitudes where engines deliver less than 80 per cent of the power they would at sea level.

The light tank's 105 mm gun will fire armour piercing ammunition to destroy enemy tanks, and high-explosive shells against unarmoured targets. Each light tank will have a fully-stabilised 12.7-mm heavy machine gun and a co-axial 7.62-mm medium machine gun.

In addition, the turret will have a retractable missile launcher that can fire anti-tank guided missiles to destroy targets out to 2.5 km.

A major hurdle to the tank's design is that the Army has not yet shared with the DRDO its notion of what design features and performance it would like. This is usually shared in a document called the 'preliminary staff qualitative requirements'. Without this, the DRDO's designers are groping in the dark.

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Place : Jaipur Sd/-
Date : January 11, 2021 Ankit Jha
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January 11, 2021 Vigneya Saraya
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BEFORE THE HONBLE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL
AMARAVATI BENCH AT HYDRABAD
C/P/CAA/11/230/AMR/2020
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION

Notice:
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People Combine Solutions Pvt. Ltd.,
.....Petitioner/Second Transferor Company
People Combine Knowledge Solutions Pvt. Ltd.,
.....Petitioner/Third Transferor Company
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APPROVAL OF SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION OF PEOPLE COMBINE EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES PRIVATE LIMITED FIRST TRANSFEROR COMPANY, PEOPLE COMBINE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED (SECOND TRANSFEROR COMPANY), PEOPLE COMBINE KNOWLEDGE SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED (THIRD TRANSFEROR COMPANY) WITH PEOPLE COMBINE BUSINESS INITIATIVES PRIVATE LIMITED (TRANSFEREE COMPANY) AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS

Take note that a Joint Company Petition C/P (CAA) No. 11/230/AMR/2020 under section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 was presented by the Petitioner Companies named above on 24/01/2020 before the Honble National Company Law Tribunal, Amaravati Bench at Hyderabad, dated on 18.01.2021, for obtaining its sanction to the Scheme of Amalgamation of People Combine Educational Initiatives Private Limited (First Transferor Company), People Combine Solutions Private Limited (Second Transferor Company), People Combine Knowledge Solutions Private Limited (Third Transferor Company) with People Combine Business Initiatives Private Limited (Transferee Company) and their respective Shareholders and Creditors (stated as the 'Scheme'). The said Joint Company Petition was fixed for final hearing before the Honble NCLT on 05/02/2020. Upon receipt of the pleadings, reports and other documents on record the Honble NCLT vide its order dated 08/12/2020 has approved the Scheme.

Place: Visakhapatnam & Hyderabad Sd/-
Date: January 12, 2021 Adyapan for the Petitioners

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