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AVINASH CHANDER TAKES OVER AS 11TH SA TO RM

Shri Avinash Chander took over as Scientific Advisor to Raksha Mantri (SA to RM), Secretary Defence Research & Development and Director General DRDO (Defence R&D Organization) in a brief ceremony yesterday evening (Friday the 31st May 2013). Shri Avinash Chander has been appointed for a period of three years. Expressing determination to enhance the level of self-reliance in defence sector, he affirmed, "We are looking forward to further growth in indigenous capabilities and achieve a goal of 75% self-reliance. DRDO has tremendous potential and the right critical mass to deliver. Today the ambience is right, with the maturity of Indian industry and our own R&D capabilities".

The eminent Missile Scientist who envisioned and evolved the Strategies for Long Range Missiles and led the design and development of AGNI series of Missile Systems, further said, "We have taken major programs in multiple areas. Our focus is on performance and timely deliveries of critical programs like LCA, Artillery Guns and Surface to air missiles systems. Simultaneously, we want to make sure that DRDO becomes a leading technology agency in the world. While we set our eyes on this process, we need to involve academia in a very close interaction to create frontline centers of excellence in R&D". Speaking on the importance of involving Indian industry in enhancing self-reliance in defence sector, he said, "DRDO is committed to harness industry capability and create right environment for involving Indian industry in major programs. We want industry to develop R&D growth, so that DRDO can focus on higher and higher technologies and support industry in realizing requirements of our armed forces".

Shri Avinash Chander having been appointed for a period of three years, has taken over as the 11th Scientific Advisor to Defence Minister (SA to RM), Secretary Deptt of Defence R&D and DG DRDO,. He was congratulated by Dr Vijay Kumar Saraswat, under whose leadership, DRDO made long strides and delivered products that have immensely contributed to the strength of India's defence forces. Dr Saraswat wished him all the success and expressed confidence that under the leadership of Shri Avinash Chander, DRDO will scale new heights".

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