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DRDO gets permission to begin construction of exclusive missile testing, technical facility in Andhra Pradesh

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has secured environment and Coastal Regulatory Zone clearances it needed to begin the construction to set a Missile Testing Launch Facility on the Bay of Bengal coast and a Technical Facility at Gullalamoda village in Krishna village, *The Hindu* reports.

The EC and CRZ clearance document to the chief construction engineer (R&D)-S at DRDO, Secunderabad said: “There is confirmation from Secretary, Ministry of Defence, that this project is a strategic requirement and of national importance and cannot be located anywhere else.”

The clearance certificate added that the project is exempted from a public hearing in accordance with EIA notification 2016. The MoEFCC has, however, place 11 conditions to be fulfilled before construction begins. The conditions include preparation of Oil contingency management plan, and disaster management plan.

According to the DRDO proposal, the project will be set up on 154.4 hectares in the Krishna Wildlife Sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh’s Krishna district. The project design plans reveal that the technical facility will be developed on 130.15 hectares, along with a test facility on the 6.07 hectares.

“The DRDO has already prepared a robust plan to commence the construction work. All the necessary procedures to begin the construction work have been completed,” *Hindu* reported citing sources.

<https://swarajyamag.com/insta/drdo-gets-permission-to-begin-construction-of-exclusive-missile-testing-technical-facility-in-andhra-pradesh>

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Rajnath Singh, DRDO Chief discuss forming task force to avoid ammo accidents

The Defence Ministry tweeted saying that DRDO chairman Dr G Satheesh Reddy had called on Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to form a task force aimed at checking accidents in ammunition depots

New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) chief G Satheesh Reddy on Wednesday discussed formation of a task force for finding ways to avoid accidents in ammunition depots.

"Secretary, Dept of Defence R&D and Chairman @DRDO_India Dr G Satheesh Reddy called on Raksha Mantri Shri @rajnathsingh to constitute a task force of experts for evolving methodology to avoid ammunition accidents, in New Delhi, today (sic)," a Defence Ministry tweet read.

A massive blast at an ammunition depot in Maharashtra's Pulgaon in 2017 had killed at least 19 Army personnel.

Over 19,325 defective anti-tank mines had exploded primarily due to leakage of explosives from some of the mines stored at the Central Ammunition Depot in Pulgaon.

<https://www.news18.com/news/india/rajnath-singh-drdo-chief-discuss-forming-task-force-to-avoid-ammo-accidents-2225691.html>



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Premier Explosives jumps 8% on order from Bharat Dynamics

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Premier Explosives shares climbed 7.6 percent intraday on July 11 after the company received an order from Bharat Dynamics (BDL) in defence space.

"The order is for the supply of solid propellants for medium range surface to air missile (MRSAM) for a value of Rs 14.99 crore," the solid propellants manufacturer said in its filing.

The work order will be executed within a period of 14 months and this is not a material supply order, the company added.

MRSAM (along with LRSAM, QRSAM, etc.) has been developed jointly by Israel Aerospace Industries, Israel and DRDO, India.

Premier said it has been associated with the project since inception and supplied solid propellants to DRDO during the development phase. Now, this missile is being inducted by the Indian Army with integration being done by BDL.

In addition, the meeting of the board of directors of the company is scheduled for August 10 to consider unaudited financial results for the first quarter ended June 30, 2019.

The stock was quoting at Rs 195, up Rs 11.00, or 5.98 percent on the BSE at 1030 hours IST.

<https://www.moneycontrol.com/news/business/markets/premier-explosives-jumps-8-on-order-from-bharat-dynamics-4193461.html>