

## ■ DAC Approves Procurement of Weapons Worth Rs 70,500 Crore

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has approved proposals worth Rs 70,500 crore for buying different weapon systems for the Indian defence forces. A meeting of the DAC chaired by Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh was held in New Delhi on 16th March 2023 during which acquisition proposals worth Rs 56,000 crores were approved for the Indian Navy. The pro-



posals pertain to acquisition of indigenous BrahMos missiles, Shakti Electronic Warfare systems and Utility Helicopters-Maritime, among others. The weapons and equipments will enhance the maritime strike capabilities, anti-surface warfare capabilities, and will multiply the operational readiness of the Indian Navy in the domain of search and rescue operations, casualty evacuation and humanitarian assistance disaster relief. The total Acceptance of Necessity granted for Capital Acquisition in the current financial year is over Rs 2.71 lakh crore, out of which 99 per cent of the procurement will be sourced from Indian industries.