

Mahindra Defence to Manufacture Integrated ASW Defence Suite for Indian Navy

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Delhi, August 27, 2021 - The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has awarded a major contract to Mahindra Defence Systems Limited (MDS) worth Rs.1349.95 Cr for the manufacturing of Integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare Defence Suite (IADS) for modern warships of Indian Navy. Competitive bids from Indian companies were invited by MoD through open tender wherein the systems fielded were put through detailed trials at sea to prove their capability.

IADS is a high-end underwater equipment that uses latest technology. It is designed to detect and protect warships from underwater threats. It is a versatile system capable of operations from all sizes of warships - small, medium and large. The complex array of sensors in water undertakes surveillance and provides inputs for signal processing and analysis. The warship then employs methods to neutralise the underwater threats.

Mr. SP Shukla, Chairman, Mahindra Defence Systems Limited, said, "It is the first major contract with the private sector meant for underwater detection and protection from threats. This contract once again epitomises the success of the **Atmanirbhar Bharat** initiative."

This advanced technology system is the first of its kind being developed by an Indian company for Indian Navy. Mahindra Defence qualified by proving the capability of the system through comprehensive testing by the Indian MoD in actual operations at sea before being declared as winner on commercial bid. Mahindra Defence would be supplying 14 IADS Systems for the Indian Navy warships.

About Mahindra Defence

Mahindra Defence Limited is engaged in catering to needs of all three wings of the defence forces –Army, Navy and Airforce. Our product range includes armoured vehicles, underwater warfare equipment, radars and surveillance equipment, etc. Through our Land Systems unit we have been supplying customized armoured vehicles to the Indian Army, Para Military and Police Forces as well as the overseas customers. Naval Systems unit based in Pune has been supplying torpedo defence systems, decoy & torpedo launchers, and large composite structures for defence as well as space applications. We are also engaged in defence electronics through our subsidiary, a JV with Telephonics Corp, USA.

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