



India's MoD Delegation Visited Kalashnikov Group

The delegation of India's Ministry of Defense (MoD), led by Mr. Apurva Chandra, Director General Acquisition of the Ministry of Defense of India, visited the industrial site of Izhevsk-based Kalashnikov Group, Rostec's member.

The guests were given a tour of the production facility, demonstrating the modern manufacture of Kalashnikov assault rifles of various modifications. Besides, they were given the opportunity to test numerous Kalashnikov's weapons on a range.

"India's military, like the rest of the world, knows Kalashnikov's legendary designs perfectly well. Today gave us the opportunity to see the entire production cycle and test assault rifles ourselves. What we have witnessed proves the plant's capacity to provide uninterrupted production of hi-tech equipment in quantity. While assembly of the latest AKs has already gone in full swing, we saw good potential for future growth and transition to production of state-of-the-art designs in the future," noted Mr. Apurva Chandra after examining Kalashnikov's operation lines.

Being consistent with all requirements, which one would expect a modern weapon to meet, the AKs exported today are the most advanced production modifications of the AKs. Apart from supply of end products, Rosoboronexport assists in starting their licensed manufacturing at foreign customers' sites. Every year, Asian and Latin American states supported by Rosoboronexport manufacture dozens of thousands of licensed copies of Kalashnikovs.

"We are ready to help India construct a facility similar to what the Mr. Apurva Chandra-led delegation saw today to produce modern weapons and future Kalashnikov's designs. Rosoboronexport has substantial expertise to accommodate needs of our partner. Russia's special arms exporter can cooperate with any state or private facility in India subject to the country's Ministry of Defense choice," said Director General Alexandr Mikheev of Rosoboronexport.

"The Kalashnikov Group demonstrated to our Indian partners capabilities of our revamped operation, its effectiveness, flexibility, and capacity to take up production of cutting-edge equipment in almost no time, as well as boost the production rate, provided more orders come into our hands. We have made emphasis on providing at a moment's notice transfer of technologies essential for production of our weapons to any defense facility in India. We hope that the issue of setting up production of Kalashnikov assault rifles gives way to specific solutions in the near future for us to take up implementing our mutually beneficial intentions," added Deputy Director General Arkady Privalov of the Kalashnikov Group.

Assistance in starting production of Russian-made military equipment abroad is one of the main lines of business of Rostec's Rosoboronexport.

During his official visit to Russia Mr. Apurva Chandra, Director General Acquisition of the



Ministry of Defense of India, went to various industrial facilities and held a number of talks on future projects paving the way for broader cooperation. The Indian delegation saw the National Helicopter Building Center in Moscow, Yantar Baltic Shipyard in Kaliningrad, Almaz-Antey AD Group in St. Petersburg, and Aviastar-SP (Ulyanovsk-based Ilyushin Aviation Complex).

[Rosoboronexport](#) is the only state-owned arms trade company in the Russian Federation authorized to export the full range of military and dual-purpose products, technologies and services. It is a subsidiary of the Rostec Corporation. Founded on 4 November, 2000, now Rosoboronexport is one of the leading world arms exporters to the international market. Its share in Russia's military exports exceeds 85 percent. Rosoboronexport cooperates with more than 700 enterprises and organizations in the Russian defence industrial complex. Russia maintains military technical cooperation with more than 100 countries around the world.

Rostec State Corporation is a Russian corporation that was established in 2007 to facilitate the development, production and export of high-tech industrial products designed for civilian and military applications. The Corporation comprises over 700 organizations that are currently part of 11 holding companies operating in the military-industrial complex and 3 holding companies working in civilian industry, as well as 80 directly managed organizations. Rostec's portfolio includes well-known brands such as AVTOVAZ, KAMAZ, Kalashnikov Concern, Russian Helicopters, VSMPO AVISMA, UralVagonZavod, etc. Rostec companies are located in 60 constituent entities of the Russian Federation and supply products to more than 70 countries. In 2016, the consolidated revenue of Rostec amounted to 1 trillion 266 billion rubles, while the consolidated net income and EBITDA amounted to 88 and 268 billion rubles respectively. In 2016, the average salary in the Corporation was 44,000 rubles. According to Rostec strategy, the main objective of the Corporation is to ensure that Russia has a technological advantage in highly competitive global markets. Rostec's key objectives include the introduction of a new techno-economic paradigm and the digitalization of the Russian economy.

Ulyanovsk Aircraft Enterprise JSC "Aviastar-SP" («Авиастар-СП») is one of the largest and most promising enterprises in Russia, occupying a worthy place among the world's leading manufacturers of aviation equipment. The enterprise's capacities allow successfully implementing large-scale innovative and production projects. The production complex has a wide range of technological operations: from stamping and machining to the final assembly and testing of aircraft. The long-term strategic development program of JSC "Aviastar-SP" is able to suffice all the needs of the Russian aviation market in modern and comfortable aircraft.

JSC "Aviastar-SP" is a member of the Transport Aviation Division of PJSC "United Aircraft Corporation" and is involved in the implementation of a number of transport and civilian programs: IL-76MD-90A, IL-78M-90A, IL-112V, MS-21, SSJ100, An-124.

PJSC "IL" was founded in 1933. The main tasks of the company are the development of military transport and passenger aircraft, as well as special-purpose aircraft.

For the needs of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation the new heavy military transport aircraft IL-76MD-90A was put into serial production, a light military transport plane IL-112V and a convertible fuel tanker IL-78M-90A are launched into production. Work is underway to modernize the IL-76MD and IL-78M type aircraft, as well as the IL-38 anti-submarine aircraft. It is planned to create a regional IL-114-300 airliner, a wide-body long-haul airliner IL-96-400M and a medium multipurpose transport aircraft IL-276 in perspective.



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